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## Here she comes? Mr. America

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

Nearly a dozen members of the Grayling Eagles Club turned their efforts to raise funds for cancer research up a notch Saturday, trading wardrobes with their female counterparts.

The Grayling Eagles Club held their second annual fundraiser for the Eagles Art Ehrmann Cancer Fund on Saturday.

Part of the evenings events included the Eagles Club's own Mr. America Contest, where male club members dressed in drag and held a mock beauty pageant.

Mike Lee, Dennis Burger, Dennis Williamson, Kevin Fleming, Paul VanMill, Jerry Ketchmark, Karl Isenhauer, Ray Driskel, Dennis Long, Gene Hawkins and Jim Brown were the pageant contestants.

The contestants paraded through the club and individually answered a question posed by the master of ceremonies. They then returned for a grand finale, collecting money in plastic buckets to determine the pageant winner.

"It was something to do just for fun and raise money for a good cause," said Fleming, who had his head and mustache. Continued on Page 2A  
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Dennis Williamson won the Mr. America Pageant held at the Grayling Eagles Club Saturday, when 11 club members dressed in drag to raise funds for cancer. Photo by Dan Sanderson

## Mercy Hospital to upgrade medical records

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

Mercy Hospital Grayling officials received grant funds Friday which will be used to upgrade medical records in the three clinics the hospital operates.

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development State Director Gene DeRossett and Curtis Anderson, the USDA's rural utilities deputy administrator, presented a \$200,015 check to Mercy Hospital Grayling officials Friday.

Mercy Hospital Grayling will use the funding to establish a community electronic medical records system at the hospital's outpatient clinics located in Grayling, Roscommon and Prudenville.

The grant funds will be used to purchase computer software and hardware. Doctors and nurses in the clinics will carry wireless computer devices, replacing paper charts and prescription forms.

"This is going to greatly improve our ability to effect quality care in the communities we serve," said Bill Collin, the director of operations for Mercy Hospital's physician network

who oversees the operations of the clinics. "With the traditional paper charts, only one person has access to that information, and with the electric records, multiple people can be using that information as they provide a patient's care."

The electronic records system will be tied into Mercy Hospital Grayling and Munson Medical Center in Traverse City, allowing doctors and nurses to access information for tests done at the hospitals.

"This is a huge blessing for our primary care team and will assist us in providing even better care to our patients," said Dr. Jacques-Brett Burgess, who works at the outpatient clinic in Prudenville. "It is a grant that helps us level the playing field with larger institutions. We are all very excited and look forward to our new system."

The Alpena Regional Medical Center will be using \$421,872 in USDA grant funds to upgrade its digital radiology services and set up networks with participating clinics. This project will serve more than 40,000 patients in six counties covering 3,000 square miles.

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## Heritage route status sought for Old 27

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

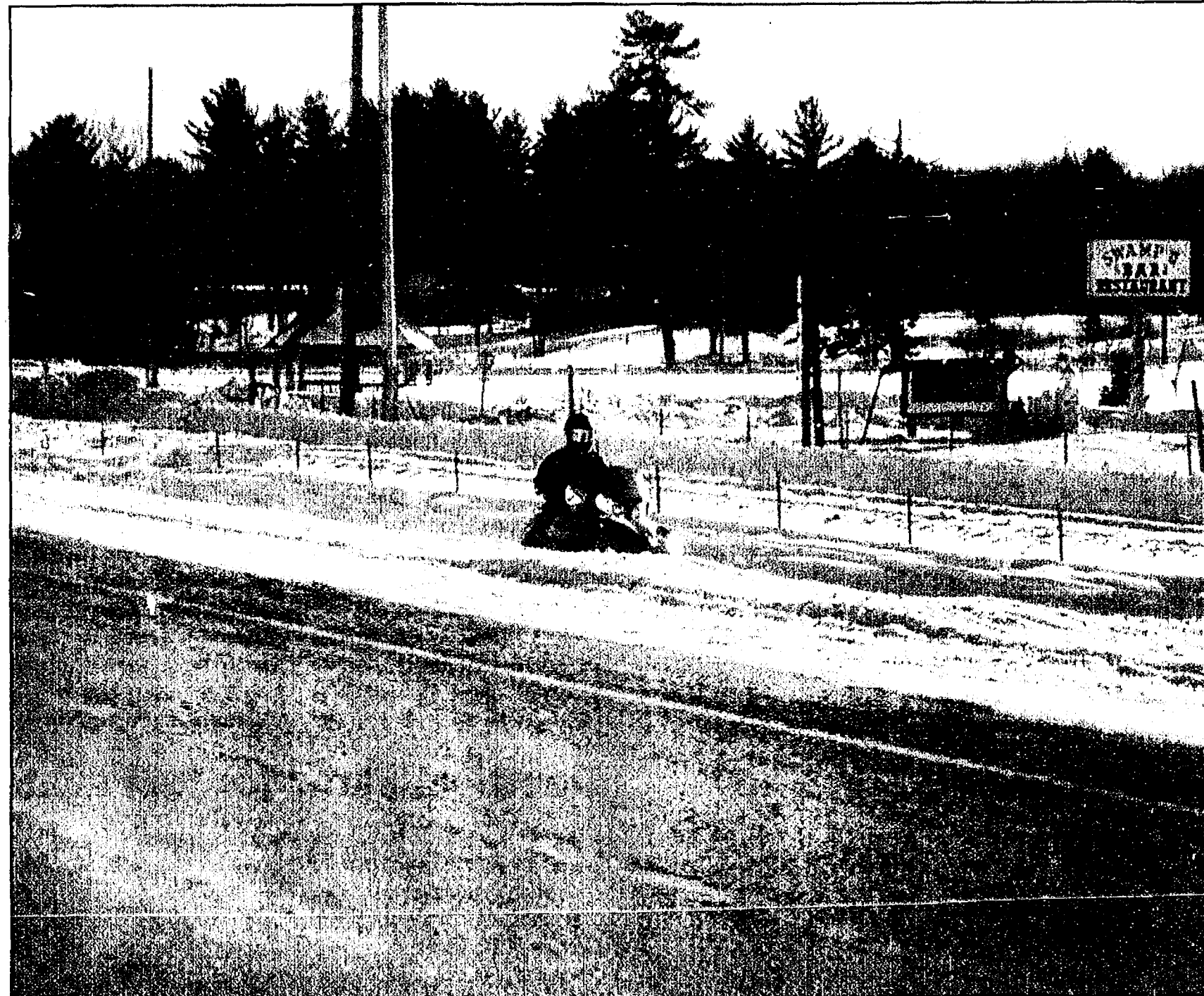
As many people in the Grayling area are preparing to head to Florida for some fun and sun, a Lansing classic car aficionado is gearing up a two-pronged campaign to enhance a historical route to the sunshine state.

Craig Parrish, a Lansing man who organizes and plans car shows, is seeking to have Old 27 in Crawford County established as a state Heritage Route.

Established by state lawmakers in 1993, the Heritage Route program celebrates historic, scenic and recreational routes in the state.

Parrish is seeking to have Old 27, which ends at the State Ferry Docks in Cheboygan County, established as part of a statewide Heritage Route that people traveled down to Florida before the federal interstate system was developed. Eventually, Parrish believes the stretch could rival the celebrated "Route 66," which extends through eight states and was made popular by Chuck Berry's song "Get Your Kicks on Route 66."

"It's a beautiful trip, it's very scenic and there are a lot of wonderful small towns along the way," Parrish said. Continued on Page 2A  
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Above, a snowmobiler travels in Frederic along Old 27, a historic route that people used to take to warmer climates in Florida before the federal interstate system was developed. Photo by Dan Sanderson

## Officials seek funding restoration

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners is protesting the cut of a Department of Human Services (DHS) foster care case worker, seeking to have the state restore the funding for the position.

County officials have asked the state to restore funding for the foster care worker that was cut earlier this year.

DHS eliminated the funding for the position due to a state law that passed last year, which requires counties who have case workers with over 20 children to refer those children to privately run foster care agencies.

Tom Haskel, the Crawford County Family Court juvenile officer and referee and assistant court administrator for the 46th Circuit Trial Court, said the law was aimed at addressing foster care issues in urban areas.

Although privately run agencies provide the same level of care as foster care homes supervised by the county, the agencies add administrative fees to the per diems they receive to supervise the children. Paying the administrative fees could cost the county thousands of dollars out of its child care fund, money Continued on Page 3A  
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shaved last year at the fund raiser.

Williamson, who is a cancer survivor, was the pageant winner.

"All the guys were winners of the contest," said Williamson, who is chairman of the Art Ehrmann Cancer Fund committee for the Michigan Fraternal Order of Eagles. "We were all winners for doing it."

The Grayling Eagles hosted State Eagles President Charlie Cariveau for the event.

"People do crazy things for charity - anything for charity," Cariveau said of the pageant.

Just over \$4,000 was raised at the fund raiser. The funds will go to the Art Ehrman Cancer fund, and will be part of the \$4 to \$5 million in grants that the national Fraternal Order of Eagles organization distributes annually.

"The money is raised in the communities and it goes back to the communities," Cariveau said.

Along with the pageant, Grayling Eagles Auxiliary member Jan Thorne had about a foot of her hair cut off for the Locks of Love, a non-profit organization which provides wigs to financially disadvantaged children 18 years of age and younger who lose their hair while going through treatment for cancer.

"This is a good club, these are all good people - it's all good," said Thorne, who had not had the length of her hair cut off for six years.

Art Ehrmann served as editor of "Eagle Publications" for 25 years. Ehrmann died on Labor Day 1975 after a long battle with cancer.

Ehrmann served as the first director of "The Eagles Cancer Fund" when the fund was established by the Grand Aerie in November 1959.

The Fraternal Order of Eagles has given over \$20 million in grants to universities, hospitals, and other institutions involved in cancer research and related projects including hospice care.



Contest participant Dennis Burger reads a question during the pageant as Tanya Gossett of Taylor, the master of ceremonies, awaits his answer.

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Left, Grayling Eagles Auxiliary member Jan Thorne had about a foot of her hair cut off for the Locks of Love by Reda Francisco. Above, Grayling Eagles Club member Kevin Fleming answers a question during the Mr. America Pageant as Tanya Gossett of Taylor, the master of ceremonies, holds the microphone.

## Heritage route status sought for Old 27

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In August 2007, Parrish is organizing a six-day classic car tour that will start at the Michigan-Indiana border and will end in Cheboygan County, traveling on Old 27 through Crawford County on the way.

Eventually, Parrish hopes to have the historic route designated as a multi-state Heritage Route, which would rival Route 66, a trip that people travel all over the world to experience.

"I think it would be a good shot in the arm for the local economies in these towns that are on the way," Parrish said.

Parrish said he is focusing his initial efforts in Michigan and Indiana, but has contacted elected officials in other states.

"Once Michigan and Indiana establish the designation, I think the other states are going to jump on board with this,"

Parrish said.

Old 27 was one of the few federal highways leading to Northern Michigan for decades before I-75 was built. Old 27 in Crawford, Otsego and Cheboygan Counties was turned over to local control in the early 1960s after the construction of I-75, which has been referred to as Michigan's Main Street, was completed.

Grayling City Manager Allen Lowe said city officials would gauge the interest of townships in Crawford County on the Heritage Route designation before any formal action is taken on the plan.

Although the Heritage Route program is targeted for state trunklines, Pete Hanes, manager for the Michigan Heritage Routes Program, said that Old 27 could possibly be included as a resource as part of the state

program.

"The resources along the route could probably stand alone on their own as a destination," Hanes said.

The Heritage Route program requires all townships, villages and cities along a roadway to buy in to the initiative.

"That would be pretty tough to put together, but the opportunities and benefits could be worth it," Hanes said.

Grayling residents have fond memories of when Old 27 was the main thoroughfare through town.

Robert Golnick, a former City of Grayling mayor, recalls how it would take twice as long to reach a destination before I-75 was built.

"It used to bring a lot of troops in during the summertime and it had traffic backed up," Golnick said.

## Electrical panel for fuel system malfunctions

The Admiral Gas Station was cleared to sell its full array of merchandise to customers last week after a small electrical fire occurred at the business.

The fire occurred in an electrical panel used to control the diesel pumps at 1 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 17.

Store attendants activated an fire suppression system, which put out the blaze.

An emergency switch was also

activated, which shut off the gasoline and diesel fuel pumps, so there was no concern about large explosions and fires, said Travis Roberts, the fire marshal/inspector for the Grayling City/Township Fire Department.

Two store attendants were transported by a Mobile Medical Response Ambulance to Mercy Hospital Grayling, where they were taken as a precautionary

measure due to inhalation of the fire suppression system chemicals.

The station was blocked off with fire line tape, but was cleared to sell fuel later that day.

The business had to wait until Tuesday, Feb. 21 for the go ahead from health department officials to sell food items and other merchandise due to the spread fire suppression chemicals throughout the store.

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miles. The Rural Development Distance Learning and Telemedicine grants were two of the four grants that are being awarded in Michigan in 2006.

The competition for the Distance Learning and Telemedicine grant funds was fierce, with 227 applications being submitted nationally for 79 potential grants.

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# ANIMAL CHECK UP



Photos by Dan Sanderson

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County, Inc. sponsored a shot clinic in downtown Grayling on Saturday. A total of 151 animals - 129 dogs and 22 cats - were treated and 84 dog licenses were sold. Dr. Donna Simmons of Alba and her staff assisted the shelter with the clinic. Above left, Robert Kaygo looks on as his dog "Rocks" is being treated by veterinary assistant Rob Pawson. Above Right, Terry Dinnen fills out some paperwork for the shot clinic as his German Shepherd "Killian" looks around the room.

## Local Scouts earn ribbons at Klondike Derby

The Annual AuSable District Klondike Derby, held at Camp Grayling at the end of January, gave scouts opportunities to take home ribbons. A total of 235 people were in attendance with



Grayling Boy Scout Troop 995 Viking Patrol won the AuSable District Klondike first place trophy at the Annual AuSable District Klondike Derby. Pictured L to R: Matt Dunkel, Nathan Pickell, Josh Aimesbury, Robert Thiel, and Jon Deffendall. Not pictured Nick Grougan.

43 Webelos Scouts and 14 Scout patrols form the Lake Huron Area Council.

The Webelos Scouts competed in first-aid, cooking, snow shoe racing, water rescue, sled races, and plan-a-trip. Grayling Webelos Scouts from Pack 3993 Viking Patrol took second place in first aid and water rescue and third place in the sled race and plan-a-trip, taking second place over all Webelos patrols. The Webelos Bad Boys Patrol took first place in cooking, snow shoe racing, sled with scout and sled with leader categories.

Boy Scouts tested their skills in similar events such as first aid, knots, fire building, shelter building, sled race, Scout Jeopardy and ice rescue. Grayling Boy Scout Troop 979's Muffin Men Patrol earned second place ribbons in knots and ice rescue.

Grayling Boy Scout Troop 995 had two patrols that placed ribbons. The Raccoons Patrol took second place in first aid and the Vikings Patrol took first place in

knots, shelter building, and ice rescue; second place in Scout Jeopardy; and third place in sled racing. The Vikings took first place overall out of the 14 patrols and they took home the Klondike Trophy for the second straight year.

"These boys have worked very hard and should be very proud of themselves," said Scoutmaster Jim Pickell.

All Scouts are gearing up for the next district event which is the Spring Camporee held at Paul Bunyan Scout Reservation near Rose City.

## Officials seek funding restoration

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The move forced Crawford County to pay \$18,000 to \$20,000 to keep Ann Church, a foster care case worker supervisor, on board with the county to avoid paying the administrative fees.

A similar funding measure was taken in Otsego County last year to address the same issue, Haskel said.

Crawford County has 39 children assigned to two foster care workers, so adding more children to the case load would require the referral to private agencies.

"It's basically how you want to roll the dice," Haskel said. "As those cases get bumped around internally to meet this law, eventually there will be some case workers that are over the 20-limit and those will have to go to a private agency."

County Commissioner Scott Hanson said he believes the county had addressed the foster care issue two years ago, and does not feel it was right to cut the position knowing the county's current caseload of children.

"They know that we don't have a choice to supplant the state government with \$18,000 to \$20,000 to get that employee back - it's not fair," Hanson said.

Haskel said that a strong lobby pushed the state law on behalf of the privately run foster care agencies. The change cre-

ates the potential of losing locally supervised foster care homes, which would relocate children outside the county.

"I'm all for foster care parents getting adequately paid for raising kids - it's a tough job," Haskel said.

Commissioner Rick Anderson said that small counties in the state are being hurt by a law aimed at addressing an issue in large cities.

"It's the small communities that suffer and they need to be taken into consideration," Anderson said.

Craig Ryan, the district representative for Sen. Tony Stamas, R-Midland, promised to have the issues addressed.

"Getting some of these numbers would blow people away, so it deserves a second look, obviously," Ryan said.

## School chief charged for I-75 crash

The superintendent for an Oscoda County school district was charged with negligent homicide in Crawford County District Court last week.

Bruce Edwin Nelson, 54, was arraigned for negligent homicide on Wednesday, Feb. 22. He faces up to two years in jail and a \$2,000 fine if convicted.

Nelson is accused of driving his 2002 PT Cruiser at an immoderate rate of speed and in careless, reckless and negligent manner when he struck Thomas Andrew Monkiewicz, 48, of Roscommon, as he was changing lanes on north bound I-75

near Four Mile Road on Nov. 18, 2005. Monkiewicz, whose vehicle rolled over due to the impact of the collision, was fatally injured.

Nelson, who is the superin-

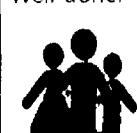
tendent for Fairview Area Schools, was arrested on the charge on Jan. 27.

Nelson's preliminary examination is scheduled for Tuesday, March 14.

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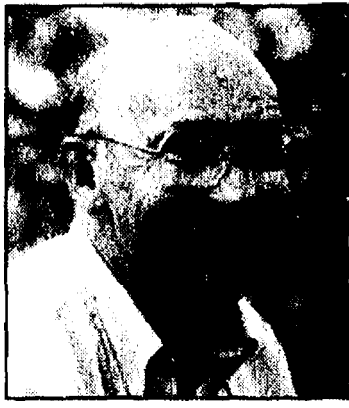
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# OPINIONS



## ALMANACK

by Richard L. Milliman

## U.S. Rep. Schwarz faces fight from within

IT DIDN'T TAKE long for a formal challenge to be issued from within his own Republican party to first term U.S. Rep. Joe Schwarz of Battle Creek.

The physician, former state senator and once Battle Creek mayor had barely finished the first year of his first term when former state Rep. Tim Walberg of Lenawee County announced he was running against Mr. Schwarz.

Mr. Walberg also ran in 2004 when long time incumbent Nick Smith, also of Lenawee County, retired.

All or part of six counties in southern Michigan comprise the district, which is considered solidly conservative and Republican, so all the meaningful action is in the Republican primary.

In 2004, Mr. Schwarz won the primary over five other Republicans, all safely and predictably conservative, including Mr. Walberg. Five of the six were ardent conservatives, and one end of the party spectrum so definitely shattered, the more moderate Mr. Schwarz was the survivor. He

easily won the general election, too.

THIS TIME AROUND Tim Walberg is hoping he will be the only Republican and only conservative challenger to Joe Schwarz. He finished third last time, behind Rep. Schwarz and Brad Smith, son of the retiring incumbent, who rode his father's reputation and most of the old-line conservative out-of-town support from Washington.

Mr. Walberg received the early endorsement of a Washington group called Club for Growth, a right-leaning and strong anti-tax political action committee (PAC), which Mr. Walberg hopes will deliver some dollars as well as its endorsement. The endorsement announcement was more anti-Schwarz than pro-Walberg, which has fit the PAC's usual political methods.

The Club for Growth along with other conservative Schwarz enemies have been pummeling the congressman with paid advertising and other criticism almost since the time he took office. The Club's web site

recently blasts Mr. Schwarz as "a big government liberal" and dissects dozens of Schwarz votes and statements, both recent in Washington, and vintage going back to his days in the state senate, in attempts to document their claims.

Joe Schwarz considers himself a true Republican, but a moderate one. He has not been a left wing zealot, but he has not toed the party line, either. For example, in the 2000 presidential primary, Mr. Schwarz headed the Michigan campaign for Sen. John McCain, although the state Republican leadership was solidly for then-candidate George W. Bush.

Mr. Schwarz' conduct in Congress has been similar to how his performance in the state senate. He does not vote the party line, but he's with the Republican majority much more often than against it, and in strictly institutional matters, he has been pretty much down the line with House GOP leadership. Leaders appreciate that loyalty.

IF THE PRIMARY remains a

two-man show, Mr. Walberg could make it a tight race, although any incumbent is very, very tough to unseat. The best time for a challenger to catch an incumbent usually is after the first term. After that the seat is usually pretty safe.

The Schwarz primary race likely will be the only question mark among all 15 Michigan congressional districts in 2006. All 15 incumbents are expected to run again, and all districts have a pretty solid political majority, one way or the other.

The apportionment system usually works so that district lines are drawn so one party has distinct advantage over the other. That's the big reason why about 98 percent of incumbents win again, year after year.

An interesting sidelight: On February 1, the same day Tim Walberg's candidacy announcement ran in The Lansing State Journal, a full page ad also appeared for Rep. Schwarz, paid for by the Schwarz for Congress committee. Coincidence? Perhaps.

CLOSING POTPOURRI, or brief mentions of other matters which you might find interesting:

IN WASHINGTON, the house exhibited a flurry of lobbying reform by voting 379-50 to ban former house members who are now lobbyists from access to the House floor and the House gymnasium. It's about time. ....

IN BEIJING, a small group of scholars is claiming that Chinese explorer Zheng He actually discovered America. They claim Zheng He's ships sailed throughout the world from 1405 to 1432, and probably made trips to the east coast of America and the west coast of Africa .... and they have a map reportedly from 1418 as evidence. The map includes outlines of all the continents as they now exist, the Chinese scholars claim, which means Columbus in 1492 was behind the tide, and even traveling Norse adventurers may have been late comers. Of course, considering that Native Americans inhabited the American continents in the 1400s and probably earlier, how could Zheng He, or Eric the Red, or Columbus discover something

that really wasn't even lost? People who lived here already knew where the American continents were ...

AT MY HOME, perplexity culminated around Christmas time due to repeated solicitations for funds from the March of Dimes. Pleas came often and regular, but the perplexity comes from the return addresses. I was asked to send money to the March of Dimes Donor Service Center in Birmingham AL, Decatur IL, Boston MA, and Topeka KS. It appeared to me that the charity not only was eager, but obviously was over-staffed, what with at least four offices around the country to open envelopes and count the dollars. Where my donation would end up, I had no clue. I was so mixed up that I just saved all the envelopes, and I saved my checks, too.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

# EDITOR

## Enough snow already

To the editor:  
From my dry erase board.

Mark Jurkovich  
Grayling



## Our community can be so much better

To the editor,

My letter is in support of Mr. Scott's letter last week in the Avalanche.

Citizens of Grayling, unite, and maybe Mr. Scott should lead the way. Finally, someone who is willing to speak their mind about the dilapidated state of our community. I've been here since 1987 when Gaylord was still relatively small. Since that time I have watched Grayling struggle against the constant pursuit by a select few to keep it small while Gaylord grows daily with businesses that should be here. Why? What sense does it make to allow every decent business to go elsewhere? So that we don't grow, why? So that we're safe? It's not any safer here than in any other Northern Michigan community. But that's "Grayling logic" for you. Don't do anything that makes sense. Apparently the powers that be are clueless. How's the saying go? "If you're not growing, you're dying."

Why is there only one video rental place in town that charges \$4.29 for a movie rental, when the same business under the same name in Gaylord charges \$2.50? Why do we have only one movie theater in town that doesn't even offer ice with your pop? A movie theater with only one screen. Is it because it's a nostalgic antique? I

would bet my paycheck that it doesn't gross in one week what the theatre in Gaylord will gross on a Friday night. One grocery store, one department store, one movie theater, one hardware store, one video rental, one rent-to-own, one porn store (like we needed that), one mini-golf, one less of everything that we need to prosper. And isn't that what a community needs? The opportunity to be prosperous? I spend half my money in the county (taxes), and half in Roscommon and Otsego (shopping) and I know that's how it is for a lot of families in Crawford County.

How is our county supposed to thrive when half the business goes elsewhere? Which makes me ask, why do we waste time on development authorities or promotional associations when all they can do is plant flowers and show off old buildings for rent? I don't want it to sound like I have anything against the people of our community. I think we are a kind and thoughtful bunch, a people who care and are willing to help one another. But come on, our community can and should be so much better.

P.S. Pave Pere Cheney, what a great idea!

Tom Bolick  
Grayling

## There are angels among us

To the editor:

I know there are angels among us and I met another one Sunday evening, Feb. 19. His name is Eric Brinks. He answered my call for help.

Friends were on their way to Munson Hospital when they got a flat tire. The wife went to a gas

station and they called several people to no avail, they then called me and I called Eric. He came out in the frigid weather and got them on their way.

God Bless You Eric.

Joyce Sorenson  
Grayling

## VIEWPOINT

by Gaila Gilliland, Economic Development Director

## Economic development and job creation

What exactly is economic development? What would 100 new jobs mean to a community? Economic development happens by not only the creation of one or more jobs, but also when an increase occurs in local wealth or when outside capital arrives from sources outside the community. Essentially, then, economic development is the creation of jobs — whether due to local expansion or a new business locating in the area.

The answer to the latter question, according to 1995 research by the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, depends upon the industry which creates the jobs. The research demonstrates that when new jobs are created in one industry, additional job creation occurs in varying degrees throughout the locality.

If the 100 new jobs are created within the health services industry, an additional 55 new jobs will be created locally in other sectors, including four new jobs in transportation, communication, and utilities; 14 new jobs in wholesale and retail trade; nine new manufacturing jobs; and 22 new jobs in business services.

On the other hand, 100 new jobs created in the retail trade category, including restaurants, mean 40 additional new jobs in the community, including: one in construction; four in finance, insurance, and real estate; 24 in services; four in transportation, communication, and utilities; and two in wholesale trade.

What might this information mean for the economic outlook in Crawford County? First, in a small rural area, creation of 100

new jobs within one industry at one time is not likely to occur. For instance, local manufacturers are likely to add either a few jobs at a time or perhaps even 25 as the company grows its business. A surge in retail, hotel, or a finance business may result in one to several jobs being added.

Taken together, all of these jobs increase the community's total number of jobs, thus also increasing jobs in other local sectors.

The Crawford County Economic Development Partnership (CCEDP) office has compiled a list of major and manufacturing employers in the county. From this database we will now be able to track job growth with each employer on an annual basis.

CCEDP met recently with local manufacturers to explore common employment and training issues and to develop some synergies among the manufacturing community, all of which is intended to help businesses grow and add new jobs.

CCEDP also meets with local businesses in a business retention lunch format; we thank the business for being here, ask what concerns management may have that we can assist with, and discuss plans for the future of the firm. In the same way that new jobs mean more new jobs for the community, a loss of jobs will mean losing jobs in other local business segments.

Keeping up-to-date with the needs of our local business community is a key component in economic development. After all, economic development is all about job creation.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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# BRIEFS

## Texas Holdem tournament to be held

The Grayling Rotary Club will be holding a Texas Holdem tournament on March 4, at the Grayling Holiday Inn. Practice Lightning Satellite games begin at 11 a.m. First game of Texas Holdem begins at 1 p.m., \$75 buy in. Seven card Stud table available. Pre-registration advised, seating limited call 348-8232. Proceeds to benefit Grayling Rotary Club projects.

## Consumer Fraud Series to be held

The senior center, at 308 Lawndale, Grayling, will be holding the sixth in an eight week series on how to protect yourself from consumer fraud. Officer Joe from the Grayling Police Department will be presenting Tuesday, March 7, at 12:30 p.m., on the topic "The Truth About Payday Loans," with information on what a payday loan is, other ways to borrow money, and how to prepare for financial emergencies. For information call Alice Snyder at 348-7123.

## Crawford County Democrats to meet

The Crawford County Democrats will gather for their regular monthly meeting of Thursday, March 9, at 7 p.m., at the Crawford County Court House. A special executive committee meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. to fill, by election, the vacancy of the Crawford County Democratic chair. Public welcome. For more information call 348-7037.

## American Legion Auxiliary to hold meeting

The American Legion Auxiliary will hold their regular meeting at 3:30 p.m., March 6, at the American Legion Hall in Grayling.

## ABWA presents Cabin Fever Cure

The American Business Women's Association will be sponsoring a scholarship program in a new form with local folks including John "JJ" Jones, Julie "CCTA" Dean and Monty "Burmeister," along with the ABWA members on March 4, at 6:30 p.m., at the Grayling High School Auditorium. Tickets are available at Riverland Gear, Grayling Township and Doorways of the North, or at the door for \$10 adults and \$7 students/seniors.

## RSVP Speaker to be at COA

The Grayling Senior Center, at 308 Lawndale St. will hold a presentation by Col Stouffer from the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) on Thursday, March 9, at 12:30 p.m. An overview of RSVP and a discussion of volunteer opportunities will be discussed. For information or transportation call Louise Mize at 348-7123.

## Local blood drives to be held

Crawford County American Red Cross will hold blood drives on Thursday, March 2, from 12 p.m. to 5:45 p.m., at the Frederic Township Hall; at Grayling High School on Friday, March 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., and Friday, March 7, at the Holiday Inn, from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

## Out to Lunch gang plans March trip

The Grayling Senior Center Out to Lunch gang will be going to West Branch, on March 9, for lunch at The Willow Tree and shopping at Tanger Outlet to follow. The cost for the trip is \$10. The bus will be leaving at 10:30 a.m. from the Grayling Senior Center at 308 Lawndale St. For transportation or reservation call Louise Mize at 348-7123.

## Paper products needed for help center

The Christian Help Center is extending their paper product drive through March. Items like toilet paper, facial tissue, and paper towels can be brought to the help center, 300 Huron St., or to any church.

## Historical board to hold meeting

The Board of Directors of the Crawford County Historical Society will meet Tuesday, March 7, at 7 p.m., at Grayling City Hall. Meeting open to the public.

## Band boosters plan monthly meeting

The Grayling Viking Band Boosters meeting will be held Wednesday, March 1, at 7 p.m., in the Grayling Middle School band room. All parents of band students are invited to attend and become more involved in the activities that support the instrumental music program for both the Grayling Middle School and the Grayling High School.

## State Retirees to hold monthly meeting

The regular meetings of North Central Area Chapter #19, State Employee Retirees Association, will resume on Tuesday, March 7, at the Houghton Lake Community Building at 2 p.m. All retired state employees and their spouses are invited.

## Cub Scouts to host Pinewood Derby

Cub Scout Pack #3993 will host the Pinewood Derby on Saturday, March 4, 9 a.m., in the AuSable Primary Cafeteria. Races begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at 12:30 p.m. Arrive early for weighing and check-in of your car. There will be an open class, anyone can race as long as they follow the rules of the BSA. Trophies awarded for every class winner, and refreshments will be available. For questions, call Brac Summers at 348-9755.

## Church welcomes Evangelist to service

Evangelist Gil Howard-Browne will be speaking at the Burning Bush Tabernacle for services on Sunday, March 5, at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., through Friday, March 10, weeknights at 7 p.m. All are welcome to attend. For information call Pastor Patty at 348-8314.

## River Preservation Assn. to hold meeting

The Upper AuSable River Preservation Association (UARPA) will hold its regular meeting of the Board of Directors on Saturday, March 4, at 9 a.m., at the Grayling Township Hall. Guest speakers will be Fred Gottschalk, Executive Director of Headwaters Land Conservancy, and Steve Sendek, Fisheries Biologist, Michigan DNR. No cost to attend, public invited.

# Crawford County United Way kicks off raffle

The Crawford County United Way (CCUW) based in Grayling is kicking off its new fund-raiser, The Dream Come True Raffle. The raffle was purposely designed to better the community and help keep shopping home in Grayling.

The Dream Come True Raffle is offering a \$10,000 cash first prize and gift certificates from \$1,500 to \$500 for the second through seventh place prizes. "The tickets are priced at \$3 each or four for \$10, making the raffle affordable for everyone in the community," said CCUW

Director Linda Williams.

The gift certificates awarded will be by winners choice from 18 businesses participating in the raffle with the United Way. The winning certificate holders will have the option of dividing their shopping into \$250 increments and choosing their shopping preference.

Tickets are being sold at all participating business locations and are also available thru CCUW Board members. Several of the local agencies that are assisted by the CCUW campaign funds are also selling tickets.

# Curves food drive to benefit local food banks

Curves of Grayling on I-75 Bus. Loop, will be participating in the Curves Food Drive to benefit local food banks.

Last year, the Curves Food Drive collected 10.6 million pounds of food for local communities all over the world. That's almost 3 million more pounds than the year before.

To celebrate the generosity of the community, curves is waiving its normal service fee for any new member who brings in a bag of non-perishable groceries and joins between February 27 and March 11.

Last year more than 251,000 new members joined Curves during the food drive.

Others wishing to donate may drop off non-perishable food

items at Curves Monday through Saturday during business hours through the month of March.

"The Curves Food Drive promotion is always exciting," said Tracey Leonard, the owner of the Grayling club. "We have a chance to help so many people at a time when the food banks are lowest, while we assist more women in reaching their fitness and weight loss goals. It's a win-win situation for everyone, and we're very proud to participate."

With nearly 10,000 locations worldwide, Curves is the largest fitness franchise and the fastest growing franchise company in history. More than four million women belong to the Curves community.

# NCMCF announces deadline dates for grants

The North Central Michigan Community Foundation (NCMCF) announces deadline dates for two grants, the Tobacco Grant and the Crawford County Youth Advisory Council Grant.

Tobacco Grant application deadline is March 31. Grant applications must be sent to NCMCF office at P.O. Box 495, Alpena, MI 49707, and must be postmarked by the deadline date.

Applicants may request up to \$2,500 for tobacco-related projects and programs that promote smoking cessation or prevention for youth under the age of 18 and senior citizens in Crawford, Ogemaw, and/or Oscoda Counties.

The Crawford County Youth Advisory Council (YAC) grant application deadline is March 30. Grant applications must be sent to the NCMCF office at P.O. Box 495, Alpena and must be postmarked by the deadline date.

# RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled for the period of March 2 - 8, is as follows:

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.) will be conducting live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard during March 2 - 8. Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Due to mobilizations or critical training requirements, the Post Commander may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time.

This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: (989) 348-6371. For further information call 1-800-628-5820.

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# Area teachers participate in energetic workshop at Kirtland

Anyone who happened to stop by Kirtland's conference center last Wednesday, Feb. 22, could have watched sixth-grade students demonstrate how apples conduct electricity, how light bulbs can cause motion and how heat can be generated in any number of ways.

The topic was energy and, in an interesting swap of roles, the "students" in attendance were local math and science teachers who chose to attend a free, one-day Energy Education Workshop provided by the National Energy Education Development (NEED) and coordinated by the COOR Intermediate School District.

NEED, a 25-year-old nonprofit agency, is the nation's leading provider of energy-related education programs and materials for schools. Its mission is to promote an energy conscious and educated society by creating community education networks and offering "energy-based school curriculum, such as that demonstrated at Kirtland.

The sixth-graders doing the teaching were from the Manistee Area School District and were specially trained to "teach the teachers." Using NEED-produced teaching kits, they demon-



Lynda Wise (foreground), a teacher at Roscommon Elementary School, and Kami Boik, from AuSable Primary School, take in a lesson on energy from sixth-grade students (l-r) Aaron Trombley, Amber Mihalik and Sara Schultz.

strated the many forms and transformations that energy takes in our everyday lives, answered questions and gave their perspectives on the lessons.

According to a NEED representative, the program is intended to demonstrate how teaching about energy can be made fun. Participation in the workshop provides educators with free use

of the NEED Science of Energy Kits and other hands-on activity kits that teach the concepts of force, motion, light, sound, heat, electricity, magnetism and energy transformations.

The energy education workshop was offered to K-12 teachers in the COOR ISD service area. Thanks to sponsorship from the state, participating

teachers received free registration, free science teaching materials, and free substitute-teacher reimbursement for the day.

To obtain more information on the NEED project, visit its Web site at <http://www.need.org>, or contact Keith Etheridge, Michigan NEED project coordinator, at 888-201-8880, or send e-mail to [ketheridge@need.org](mailto:ketheridge@need.org).

## Ludwick overcomes injury, brings home Silver and Bronze

John Paul Ludwick, of Roscommon, was named the 2006 Bunbury Award Winner for Special Olympics Michigan. Special Olympics Michigan board members selected Ludwick to be the award winner and he was presented with the award during Opening Ceremonies of the 2006 State Winter Games in Traverse City in February.

The Timothy Krause Bunbury Award is given by Special Olympics Michigan each year to an athlete who participates in the State Winter Games and meets the award qualifications. The winner must have trained diligently in the sport of alpine ski-

ing, approached the sport with enthusiasm, maintained their sense of humor, achieved excellence at his/her own level, and shown they were brave in the attempt. The award is given in memory of Timothy Krause Bunbury, an avid skier who passed away at a young age, and was established by the Bunbury family to recognize a Special Olympics athlete who enjoys and excels in skiing.

During his training for the World Winter Games in 2005, Ludwick broke both of his legs below the knee shattering both ankles. However, he never gave up on believing in his abilities as an Alpine Skier and Special

Olympic athlete. After much debate with coaches and doctors it was determined that he would be able to ski again and continue his training.

While still using crutches on a daily basis to get around he began to ski twice a week to build strength and foster his abilities, letting nothing stand in his way. His coaches noticed through help of his ski-boots he was skiing better than he did before the accident, proving that his dream of competing in Japan would be possible. Through courage and perseverance Ludwick's great attitude took him all the way to the Winter World Games in Japan where he

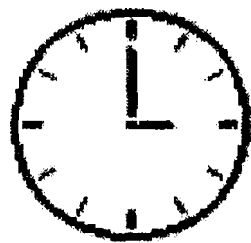
won a silver and a bronze medal. For his unwillingness to quit, this athlete who hails from Area 4, Oscoda, Crawford, Ogemaw and Roscommon counties, showed everyone what makes a true athlete.

Special Olympics Michigan athletes are given opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and share their gift of skill with friends and family. No one athlete exemplifies this philosophy in every way imaginable more than Ludwick, who accepted the honor at the 2006 State Winter Games in Traverse City. At the ceremonies he was also presented with a Wertz Warriors jacket, making him a "Warrior for life."



John Paul Ludwick, of Roscommon, 2006 Bunbury Award Winner for the Special Olympics.

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Trip organized by the Crawford County Commission on Aging  
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\*Special event trips require: (1) a minimum of twenty-two passengers; and (2) that passengers less than 18 years of age be accompanied by a responsible adult.

To reserve seats or request information concerning special event trips call Richard or Gary @ 348-4101

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6	3,350	40,200
7	3,775	45,300
8	4,200	50,400

\*Subject to change. Add \$5,100 for each additional household member.

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For further information on **LIFELINE** and **LINK UP**, visit [www.lifeline.gov](http://www.lifeline.gov).

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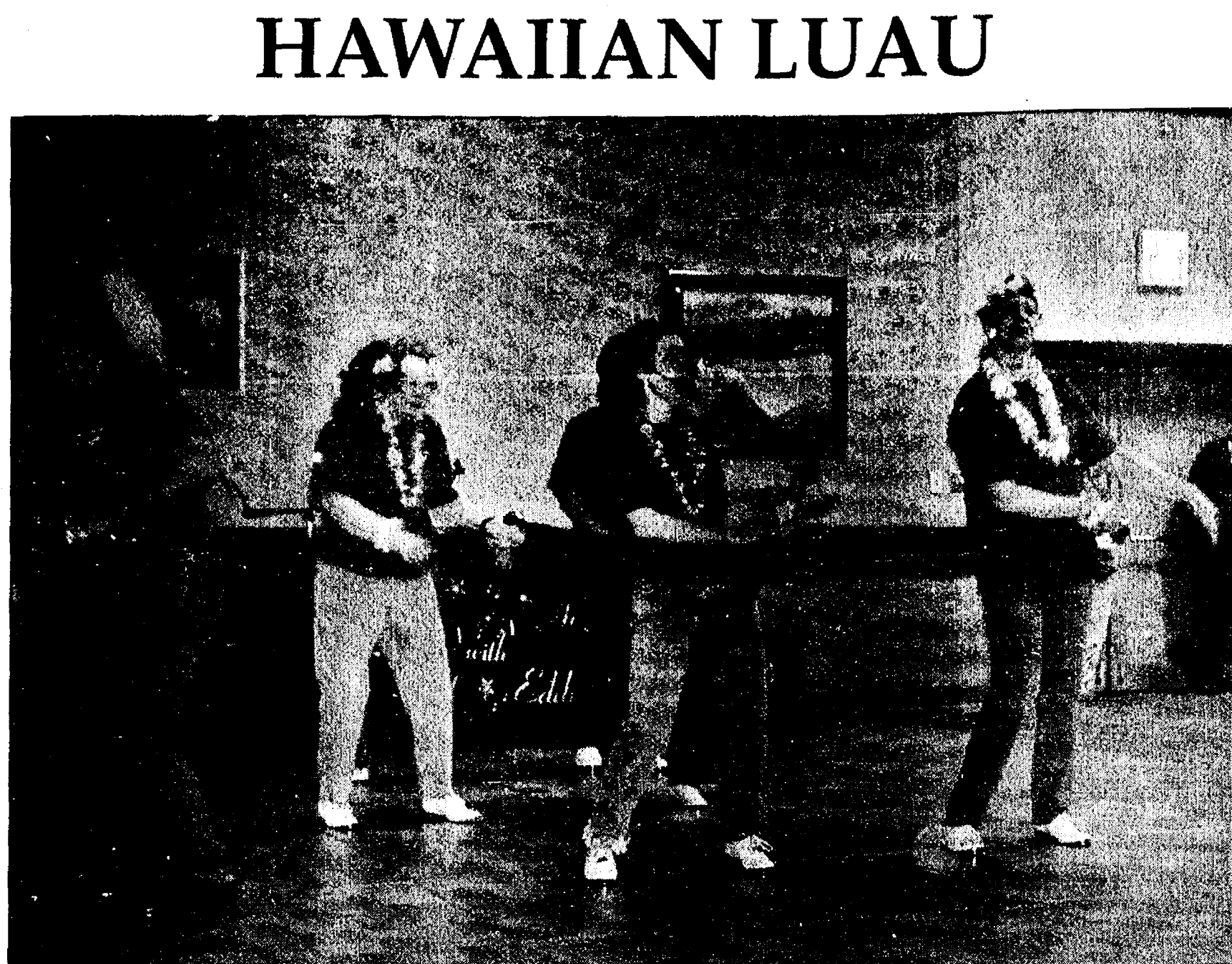
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**The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce held a Business After Hours "Hawaiian Luau" last week at the Holiday Inn Grayling. The event was sponsored by Toupin Chiropractic Clinics. Above, members of the clogging group "Just for Kicks" Mark Gingerick, Ann Matthewson, Melissa Beckett and Sue Medler dance to the song, "Hawaiian Roller Coaster." Members of the group not pictured include Ashley Hamel, Kathy Hamel, Tracy Nelson, Kristi Dawson, Sarah Medler, Jody Coors, Jennifer Padgett, Trish Thompson and Sue Nielson.**

## Forest landowners might get management incentives

**by Jennifer Linn**  
**Capital News Service**  
Trimming trees could trim property taxes paid by owners of forested areas in Michigan.

The legislation proposed by Republican lawmakers is intended to encourage landowners to sustain their forest property in a healthy manner. It says that property owners must have a forest management plan for harvesting, planting and regrowth.

The legislation would provide small property owners incentives to manage their land in a sustainable manner, says Jeff Cobb, legislative assistant for Sen. Gerald Van Woerkom, R-Norton Shores.

Landowners would qualify for a property tax break if they meet certain requirements, including hiring a certified forester and coming up with a management plan. The plan would outline management practices and suggest which trees should be cut down and patterns for replanting.

Timber from qualified property would be used to manufacture wood products, which include anything from timber to pulpwood.

Legislation is targeting both commercial and private forests.

Among the requirements for commercial property owners to qualify for a tax break are having at least 40 acres of productive forestland and providing public hunting and fishing. Private property must grow more than 20 continuous acres and have no less than 80 percent of the land capable of producing wood products.

Kevin Korpi, executive director of the Michigan Forest Product Council, said that Michigan is the state with the largest amount of surplus timber in the country.

"Not only do we grow far more trees and wood than is harvested, but our bank account to do so has a large surplus," he said.

With more trees being grown than harvested in our state, "it's a good thing to cut trees. Trees die without being harvested," Van Woerkom said.

If timber isn't harvested disease can spread among trees and larger trees can block the growth of smaller trees. The ease of spreading a forest fire is also increased, Cobb said.

Korpi said it is important to harvest forests for environmental concerns.

"It is very important to sustain and maintain forests for recreational activities, wildlife habitats," he said. "Sustaining forests improve air and water quality and make existing trees immunity stronger to disease."

Korpi said it is hard to access a forest that is not well managed for recreation. "It's hard to cross country ski or snowmobile," he said.

On top of promoting more sustainable and healthy forests, the production of wood products is increased, making more jobs available in wood product production, he said.

Korpi said from 2000 through 2004, approximately 2,000 forest manufacturing jobs have been lost, and 300 forest production companies have closed.


"These bills stabilize renewable fiber supply in forest supply," he said. "They improve forest health and expand Michigan's green economy."

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## Bloomin' Grape selected as February's spotlighted member

The Bloomin' Grape Deli and Wine Market was selected as the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce Ambassador's Club Spotlight-a-Member Award recipient for February.

The Bloomin' Grape Deli and Wine Market, owned by Charlotte and Terrence Bloomquist, was established in 2000 in the mall on James Street between Dairy Queen and China West.

"We wanted to provide a shop with ambience and an enjoyable place to come sit down and enjoy a cappuccino and biscotti or a deli lunch," said Charlotte Bloomquist. "We also envisioned providing the local market with a wide variety of moderately priced wines and beers from around the world. We wanted to provide a service that wasn't here in Grayling," Charlotte added.

Bloomin' Grape Deli and Wine Market serves deli lunches which includes wraps, sandwiches, paninis, Detroit-style coneys, soups, cappuccino, latte, mocha, Italian and French sodas. They also sell wine and beers from around the world, gourmet foods, chocolates, gift baskets, cigars, and stash teas.



The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce Ambassador Club selected The Bloomin' Grape Deli and Wine Market as February's Spotlight-a-Member. Pictured L to R, Charlotte Bloomquist, co-owner, and Jenny Brunell.

On top of the deli and market they offer catering from office to birthday parties, showers, graduations or weddings.

The Bloomin' Grape Deli and Wine Market is currently featured in the Traverse City Magazine Restaurant Guide.

Business hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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### Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for Feb. 26 of \$25 each: Bill Evon, Val Priebe, and Doug McMurtrie.

### Project Graduation

The "Lucky 300 Club" Raffle winner of \$100 for Feb. 24 is William Isenhauer.

### American Legion Auxiliary

The American Legion Auxiliary Chili Cook-off raffle winners are: Michelle Robinson of West Bloomfield, a \$25 gift certificate at Gray Rock; Anne Hamlin of Lovells, two dinners at Holiday Inn; and Dustin Pizzi of Grayling, 50/50 drawing.

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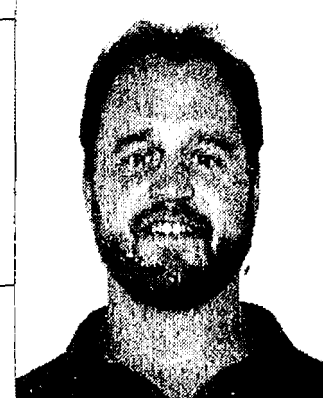
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# Icehouse Quilt Shop goes on quilting cruise

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

Quilters from the Grayling area pieced together a decorative wall hanging and warm memories during a recent adventure.

The Icehouse Meltdown Quilting Cruise traveled through the Caribbean Islands Jan. 28 - Feb. 5.

Ali Baynham, the owner of the Icehouse Quilt Shop, said she was inspired to plan the cruise last year during one of the quilt shop's annual retreats held in Grayling in January.

Coordinated in conjunction with Passageways Travel, the quilting cruise was held aboard the Royal Caribbean's "The Voyager."

Sixty-four men and women took part in quilting classes taught by seasoned instructors Sue Nichols and Pam Holland. Participants for the cruise came from as far away as Texas, New Mexico, Idaho, Washington, Nevada, Canada and Australia.

A decorative wall hanging quilt, developed exclusively for the trip, was made during the one and a half days of classes. The classes were taught while the Voyager was at sea, giving participants plenty of time to enjoy the cruise liner, the Caribbean Islands and the sites.

"It was everything that you would want in a vacation," said



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Darlene Fenn of Grayling.

The Voyager departed from Miami and sailed to the ports of Labadee, Hispaniola-Ocho Rios, Jamaica-Georgetown, Grand Cayman and Cozumel, Mexico.

While in Grand Cayman, about a dozen quilting cruise participants were able to visit with a local quilting guild.

"They swapped fabric and things like that," Baynham said. The Icehouse staff and teachers presented daily gifts to the participants and had special t-shirts made for the cruise.

"The girls that organized the trip made it fun for everyone," said Georgette Oliver of Waters. Oliver, a retired secretary, said she was inspired by the camaraderie of the trip and the quilting techniques she learned.

"I get up in the morning and I go up to my sewing room and quilt until it's time for dinner," she said.

Baynham said plans are already in the works for the next quilting cruise excursion.

"We are going to take a year off so people can start saving up to go again," Baynham said.

Nancy Schwalm, a clerk and teacher at the Icehouse Quilt Shop, said she is already pinching her pennies, saving for the next cruise.

"I would definitely go again, but who wouldn't," Schwalm said.

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Sunday, March 5 - Brunch - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Pancakes, sausage and eggs, fruit bar, dessert, juice, coffee and milk. \$3 seniors and under 12, \$5 non-seniors.

Monday, March 6 - Lunch - stuffed cabbage, spinach, boiled-

potatoes, and peaches. Dinner - baked fish, broccoli, potato wedges, and Mandarin oranges. 10 a.m. aerobics, 1 p.m. Bridge Club, 3:30 p.m. - 6 p.m. hearing clinic, 5:30 p.m. Hangman.

Tuesday, March 7 - Lunch - hot roast beef sandwich, mashed potatoes with gravy, carrots, and grapes. Dinner - BBQ chicken, O'Brien potatoes, smothered squash, and pudding. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. tax clinic, 12:30 p.m. Consumer Fraud Series "The Truth About Payday Loans."

Wednesday, March 8 - Lunch - Teriyaki chicken, California blend, tossed salad and pineapple with Jell-O. Dinner - Birthday Dinner - baked ham, Brussels sprouts, mashed sweet potatoes, applesauce, and cake and ice

cream. 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. commodities at K of C Hall, 10 a.m. line dancing, 5 p.m. birthday dinner, 5:30 p.m. white elephant auction.

Thursday, March 9 - Lunch - scalloped potatoes with ham, green beans, and peach crisp. Dinner - meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, and mixed fruit. 10 a.m. aerobics and craft class, 10:30 a.m. out to lunch - West Branch, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks, 12 p.m. speaker - RSVP, 5:30 p.m. Uno-Attack.

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## SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 94 complaints the week of Feb. 20 - Feb. 26:

Fifteen traffic accidents, four accidents-non traffic, one parking violations, one plan review, one accident-shooting, five inspections, one civil matter/family dispute, 10 suspicious situations, one lost and found property, one suicide, one missing persons, 21 general non-criminal complaints, one delinquent minors, four snowmobile incidents, one false alarm, one assault/intimidation/stalking, five larcenies, one fraudulent activities, one damage to property, one weapons firing, seven public peace/disorderlies, one operating under the influence of alcohol, one miscellaneous criminal offense, seven driving violations/driving while license suspended and one driving on revoked/suspended license.

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## HONORS

### University of Dubuque

The University of Dubuque announces Levi Burkett graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Secondary Education and was appointed to the Fall Semester 2005 academic Dean's List. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Burkett of Roscommon, and attended

### Grayling High School.

To be named to the dean's list, a student must earn a grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale for that semester.

The University of Dubuque, founded in 1852, is a private, coeducational, professional University with a focus on the liberal arts.

### Central Michigan University

Kira L. Maples, of Grayling and Mt. Pleasant, received a Bachelor of Science degree from Central Michigan University in December 2005. She graduated with a double major in Psychology and Sociology.

Kira is the daughter of Steve and Sue Maples of Grayling.



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# GMS names students of the month



The students selected as Grayling Middle School Students of the Month for February are, from the left:(back row) Cameron Brooks, Ashton Dehoff, Hillary Fenton, Katie Fitzpatrick, Heather Greene, Chloe Harwood, Nate Heichel, Matt Hellebuyck; (front row) Aleisha Hoover, Adam Love, Becca Money, Bobby Mullins, Kelsey Neuberger, Olivia Peters, Nick Sendek, Bobby Stott, Joe White; (not pictured) Kristi Helsel, Megan Mackie and Abbey Troumbly.

## HONORS

**Northwood University**  
Jessica Green, a Northwood junior from Grayling, was granted the Harold H. Baker Memorial Scholarship for the 2005-2006 academic year.

Jessica is the daughter of Karl and Cheri Green.

Private donor Scholarships at Northwood are awarded by the scholarship committee of the university to those students who meet the requirements specified by individual scholarship donors. These scholarships represent support from organizations, foundations and individuals who show concern and interest for student achievements and are committed to the future of Northwood University.

Private donor scholars, who represent Northwood University and the scholarship donor, participate in community and campus projects.

The Harold H. Baker Scholarship was prompted by the desire to encourage worthy students to continue their education, Harold Baker donated Dow Chemical Company stock to



Jessica Green

Northwood University in June 1969. The late Harold Baker was a member of the William J. Baker family of Midland, after whom the William J. Baker Bell Tower on the Michigan campus is named. A minimum of 2.5 GPA is required.

### Northern Michigan University

Joseph Pilon, of Grayling, was awarded a degree from Northern Michigan University in December 2005. He received a Bachelor of Science in Management.

## BIRTHS

Nicole and Wade Rosted, of Cadillac, announce the arrival of their daughter, Keelie Alexyse, born at Mercy Hospital on February 17, 2006, at 6:26 a.m., weighing 7 lbs., 12 ozs., and measuring 19 1/2 inches in length.

Cheryl and John Sullivan, of Grayling, announce the arrival of their daughter, LeMay Olivia, born at Mercy Hospital on February 16, 2006, at 3:47 p.m., weighing 8 lbs., 15 ozs., and measuring 19 1/2 inches in length.

Theresa and Chad Andrews, of Grayling, announce the arrival of their daughter, Mandy Lee,

born at Mercy Hospital on February 10, 2006, at 8:47 a.m., weighing 6 lbs., 6 ozs., and measuring 19 inches in length.

Greer and Thomas Helsel, of Grayling, announce the birth of their son, Thomas John, born at Mercy Hospital on February 19, 2006, at 3:28 a.m., weighing 5 lbs., 5.5 ozs., and measuring 19 1/2 inches in length.

Heather and Donald Hibbard, of Grayling, announce the birth of their son, Alexavier Orion, born at Mercy Hospital on February 20, 2006, at 3:48 p.m., weighing 8 lbs., 7 ozs., and measuring 20 1/2 inches in length.

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## March Madness 2006

Vikings to play Elks in round one of districts

■ Grayling to open playoffs with game vs. Elk Rapids at Cheboygan

The Vikings of Grayling High School will open their 2006 boys basketball postseason schedule with a first round district game against the Elk Rapids Elks at Cheboygan High School next Monday.

The Michigan High School Athletic Association's District 63-B tournament for basketball will include teams from Grayling, Elk Rapids, Kalkaska, Cheboygan, Roscommon, and Petoskey. The event will be hosted by Cheboygan.

On Monday, March 6, the tournament will begin with a round one contest featuring Grayling and Elk Rapids at 6 p.m. Cheboygan and Roscommon will play at 8 p.m. in the other round one battle. Kalkaska and Petoskey drew first round byes.

The winner of the Grayling vs. Elk Rapids game will play Kalkaska in the semifinals at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 8. Petoskey will face Cheboygan or Roscommon at 8 p.m. on Wednesday night.

The District 63-B championship game will be held on Friday, March 10, at 7 p.m. The district winner advances to the Region 16-B tournament, which will be hosted by Houghton Lake.

Grayling has played three of its five potential district tournament opponents during the 2005-06 regular season. The Vikings won twice vs. Elk Rapids this year - 78-52 on Jan. 13 and 62-42 on Feb. 21.

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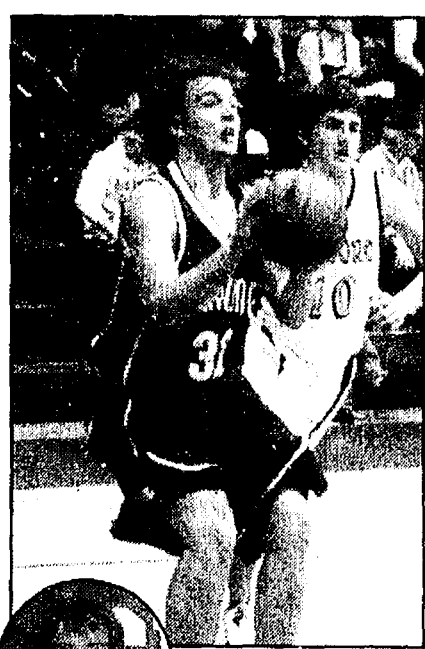
### GRAYLING HIGH SCHOOL'S VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM



**Eli VanNuck**  
5'10" Senior  
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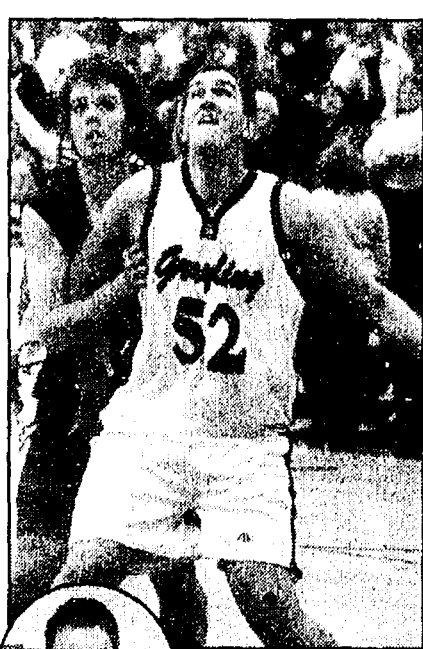
**Reagan Schmidt**  
5'11" Senior  
Guard



**Bobby Starks**  
6'2" Senior  
Guard/Forward



**Jim Boylan**  
6'8" Junior  
Center



**Mike Boylan**  
6'10" Junior  
Center



**Zach Dean**  
6'4" Senior  
Forward



**Steve Hodge**  
5'10" Junior  
Guard



**Ryan Feldhauser**  
6'0" Senior  
Guard



**Zac Baker**  
5'10" Senior  
Guard



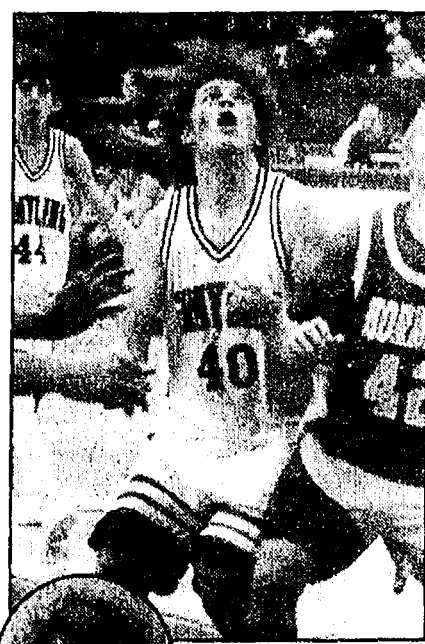
**Ronnie Johnston**  
5'10" Senior  
Guard



**Zeke Hayes**  
5'10" Senior  
Guard/Forward



**Justin Summers**  
6'0" Junior  
Guard



**Jeremiah Boots**  
6'3" Junior  
Forward



**Nick Parkinson**  
5'11" Junior  
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**Jason Drudge**  
5'9" Sophomore  
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## Eli VanNuck

5'10" SENIOR GUARD #23



Eli VanNuck

Leads Grayling with 416 points in 19 games (21.9 per game). Also leads GHS in steals with 88 (4.6 per game), and has 78 rebounds and 42 assists. Can drive to the basket, hit the mid-range jumper, or score from 3-point range.



## Reagan Schmidt

5'11" SENIOR GUARD #22



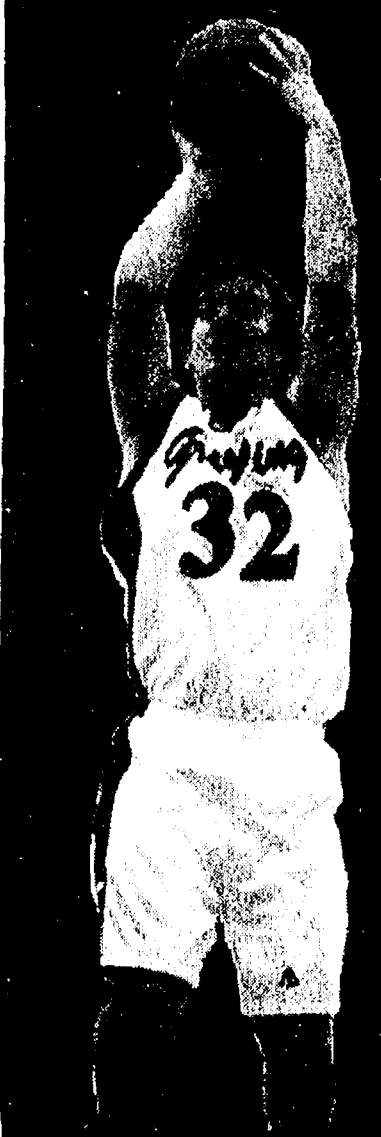
Reagan Schmidt

Aggressive defender who can score in transition. Leads the team in assists with 82 (4.5 per game). Has 157 points, 62 steals, and 74 rebounds in 18 games.



## Bobby Starks

6'2" SENIOR G/F #32



Bobby Starks

Good passer and rebounder who can drive to the basket or score from long-range. Has 194 points (10.2 per game), 131 rebounds (6.9 per game), 53 assists, and 66 steals in 19 games this year.



## Zach Dean

6'4" SENIOR FORWARD #42



Zach Dean

Physical player who is a solid defender in the paint and a good rebounder. Has 73 points, 106 rebounds (5.6 per game), 13 assists, and 18 steals in 19 games this season.



## Jim Boylan

6'8" JUNIOR CENTER #50



Jim Boylan

Good rebounder on the offensive and defensive glass and solid shot blocker. Leads GHS with 134 rebounds (7 per game). Also has 133 points, 14 assists, 16 steals, and 19 blocks.



## Mike Boylan

6'10" JUNIOR CENTER #52



Mike Boylan

Good finisher at the rim and a solid defender inside the paint. In 19 games, he has 109 points, 117 rebounds (6.2 per game), 11 steals, and a team-high 23 blocks.



# TEAM SPIRIT



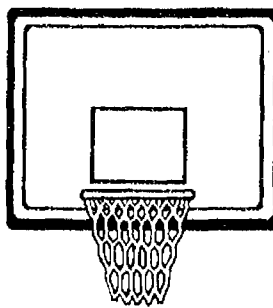
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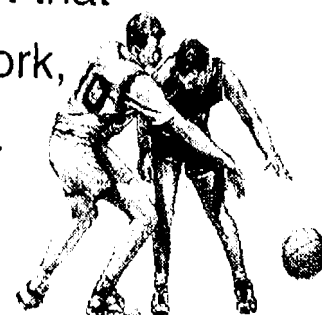


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## Steve Hodge

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Steve Hodge

Solid ball handler and passer who can score inside and out and a good defender. He is second on the team with 58 assists (3.6 per game). Also has 117 points, 17 rebounds, and 26 steals in 16 games this year.



## Ryan Feldhauser

6'0" SENIOR GUARD #10



Ryan Feldhauser

Can attack the rim or hit the long-range shot. Best jumper on the team. In 19 games, he has 88 points, 33 rebounds, 19 assists, 25 steals, and 7 blocks.



## Zac Baker

5'10" SENIOR GUARD #12



Zac Baker

Solid defender who can hit the mid-range jump shot. In 18 games this year, he has 14 points, 21 rebounds, 9 assists, and 11 steals.



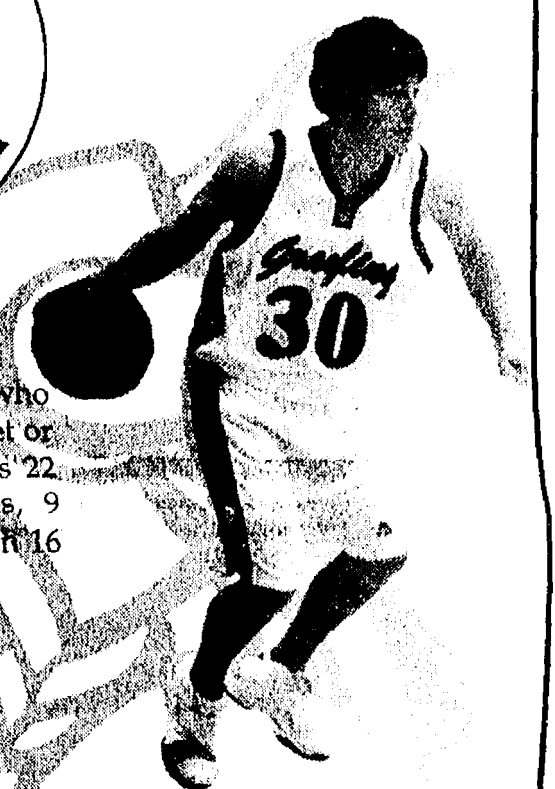
## Ronnie Johnston

5'10" SENIOR GUARD #30



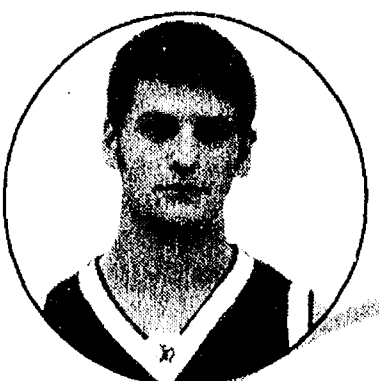
Ronnie Johnston

Good ball handler who can drive to the basket or dish the ball off. Has 22 points, 19 rebounds, 9 assists, and 9 steals in 16 games this year.



## Zeke Hayes

5'10" SENIOR G/F #20



Zeke Hayes

Good defender and passer and a solid shooter from mid-range. In 10 games this season, he has 3 points, 5 rebounds, 1 assist, and 1 steal.



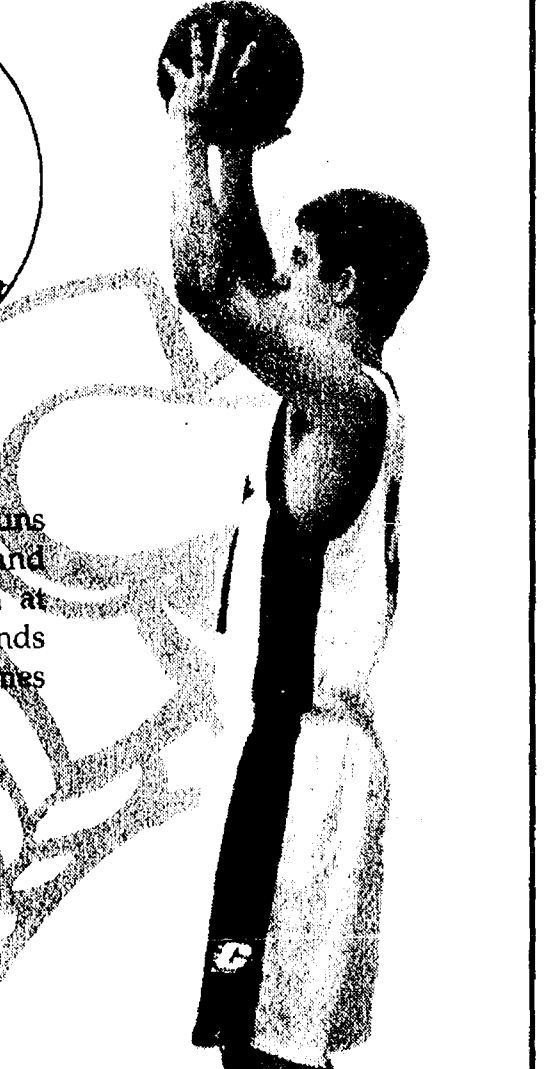
## Nick Parkinson

5'11" JUNIOR FORWARD #44



Nick Parkinson

Athletic player who runs well in transition and gives Grayling depth at forward. Has 2 rebounds and 1 steal in 9 games this year.



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## Justin Summers

6'0" JUNIOR GUARD #33/4



Justin Summers

Athletic player who split time between the varsity and junior varsity squads this year.





The 2005-06 varsity boys basketball team: (front, L to R) Ryan Feldhauser, Zach Dean, Eli VanNuck, Bobby Starks, Reagan Schmidt, Zac Baker, Zeke Hayes; (back, L to R) Assistant Coach Ryan Fritz, Assistant Coach Butch Hayes, Ronnie Johnston, Justin Summers, Jim Boylan, Mike Boylan, Nick Parkinson, Steve Hodge. Not pictured: Jeremiah Bootz, Jason Drudge, Assistant Coach Chris Kucharek.

## Vikings to play Elks in round one of districts

Continued from Page 1B

The Vikings defeated Kalkaska 73-57 on Feb. 12 and won at Kalkaska 54-51 last Friday.


Grayling opened its 2005-06 season with a 69-57 victory vs. Roscommon on Dec. 6. The Vikings also won the rematch against the Bucks — this time by

a final score of 72-67 in over-time (Jan. 24).

"We have an outstanding chance to have success in the tourney," Coach Rich Moffit said. "Defense will be a key for our team. We must control tempo, dominate the boards, and contest all shots. Offensively, we run multiple option sets. The


key is to play aggressive and take advantage of 'win' situations."

"I have been very pleased with the effort that this team has shown this year. We need to play at a high level in the tournament," Coach Moffit said. "If we accomplish that, we will experience success."




## Jeremiah Bootz


6'3" JUNIOR FORWARD #40



Jeremiah Bootz


Solid rebounder and scorer inside the paint. Split time between the varsity and JV squad this season.






## Jason Drudge

5'9" SOPHOMORE GUARD



Jason Drudge

Sophomore who played JV ball this year. He's being moved up to the varsity team for the playoffs. Solid ball handler and shooter who can drive to the basket.



## Michigan High School Athletic Association District 63-B Boys Basketball Tournament

(Bye)

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Kalkaska

Elk Rapids

Monday, March 6  
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Monday, March 6  
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Petoskey

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Semifinal  
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## What is MARCH MADNESS?

The phrase "March Madness" refers to the furor surrounding high school and college basketball playoffs, which begin in March all across the country.

For area high school basketball teams (and their fans), March Madness starts with the district tournaments, the first round of



playoffs. Teams that win advance to the next game, and teams that are defeated are finished for the season.

Every year, *The Crawford County Avalanche* salutes March Madness with a special portion of the sports section devoted entirely to the varsity boys bas-

ketball team just prior to the start of districts.

The Vikings will start post-season play this year with a first round District 63-B match against Elk Rapids on Monday, March 6, at 6 p.m. at Cheboygan High School.


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# JV basketball squad defeats Elk Rapids 58-51

## ■ Vikings win home game vs. Elks, fall to Blazers at Kalkaska on Friday

Grayling High School's junior varsity boys basketball team defeated the Elks of Elk Rapids 58-51 at GHS last Tuesday.

Grayling trailed 17-16 after one quarter but led 29-25 at half-time. Grayling took a 40-32 advantage into the fourth quarter.

With 2:25 left in the contest, the Elks hit an inside shot to pull within one, 49-48. A free throw by Josh Stapleton put the Vikings up by two. A free throw by Jason Drudge gave GHS a three-point lead. With 50 seconds left in regulation, the Elks hit two free throws to cut Grayling's lead back to one.

Elk Rapids fouled to stop the clock and Drudge hit one of two free throw shots. The Elks were whistled for a technical foul with 14 seconds left in the game, and Matt McDonald converted both free throws. Elk Rapids fouled and Drudge scored one of two free throws to give GHS a 55-50

lead.

The Elks converted one of two free throws with eight seconds remaining. Geo Bindschatel rebounded the miss on the second shot. Stapleton drove to the basket, scored the basket, and was fouled. He converted the free throw shot, and Grayling won 58-51.

"We hit some big free throws down the stretch. Matt McDonald and Geo Bindschatel both played great games. Each had 8 points and 9 rebounds," Coach Chris Kucharek said.

Stapleton had 14 points and Drudge finished with 11. McDonald scored 8 and Bindschatel had 8 points.

On Friday, the Vikings lost to the Blazers at Kalkaska 53-41.

"Offensively we struggled. We had a season-high 27 turnovers and were 1 for 11 for (three-pointers)," Coach Kucharek said.

Stapleton had 14 points for GHS and Rocky McNamara had 11.

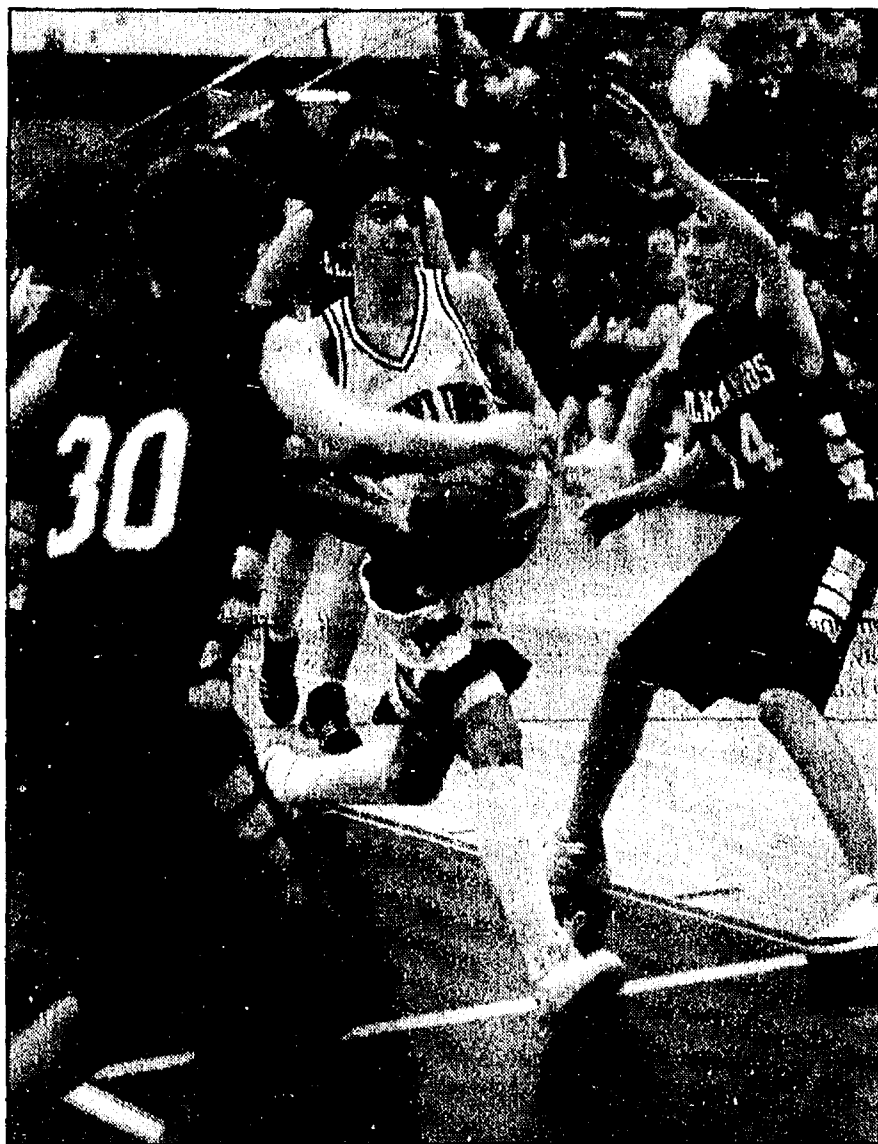
Last week's win and loss put the team's season record at 9-10 (7-6 in Lake Michigan Conference games).



Ryan Cooper handles the ball for Grayling during last Tuesday's home game against the Elks.



Jason Drudge passes the ball to a teammate in last week's game against Elk Rapids.



Richard Schreiber drives through the lane for the Vikings on Tuesday.

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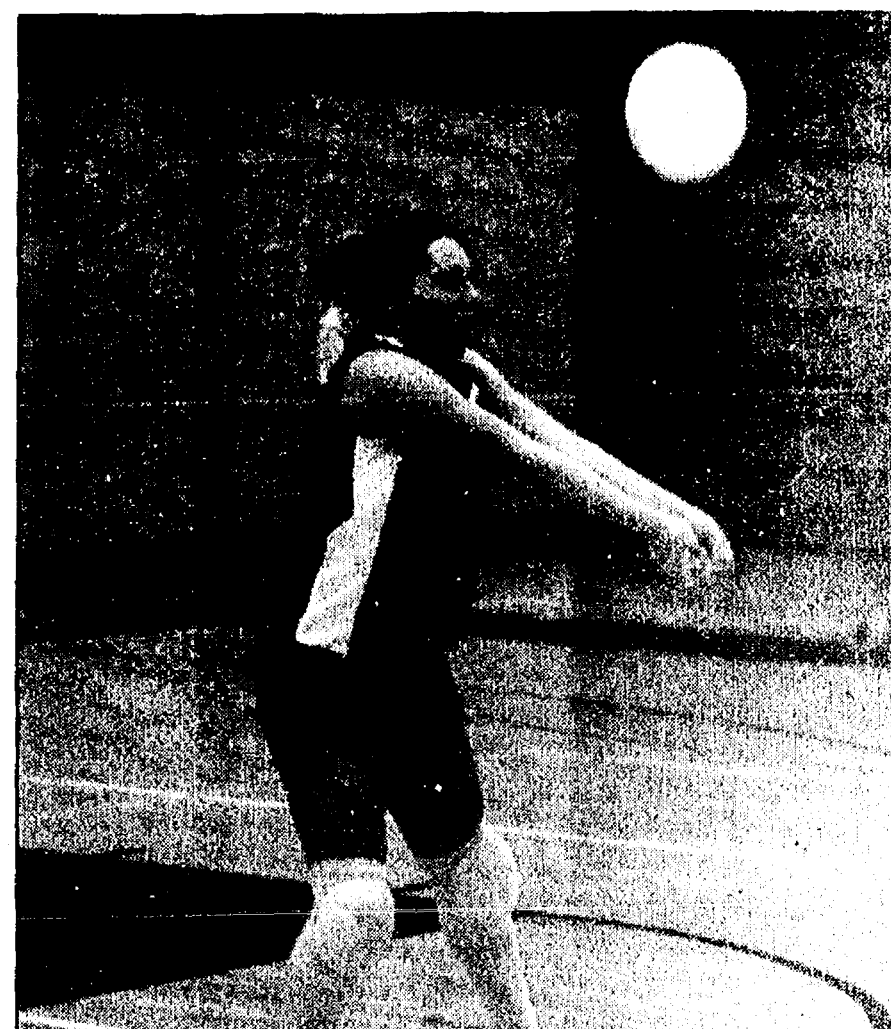
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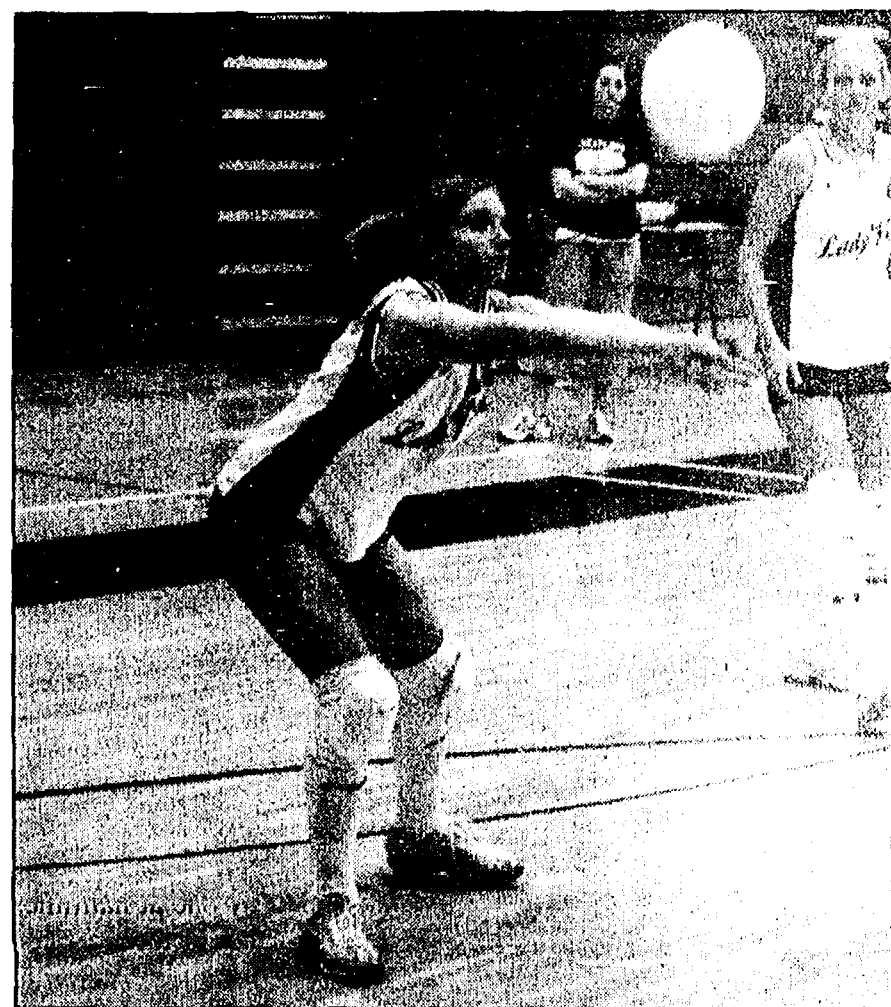
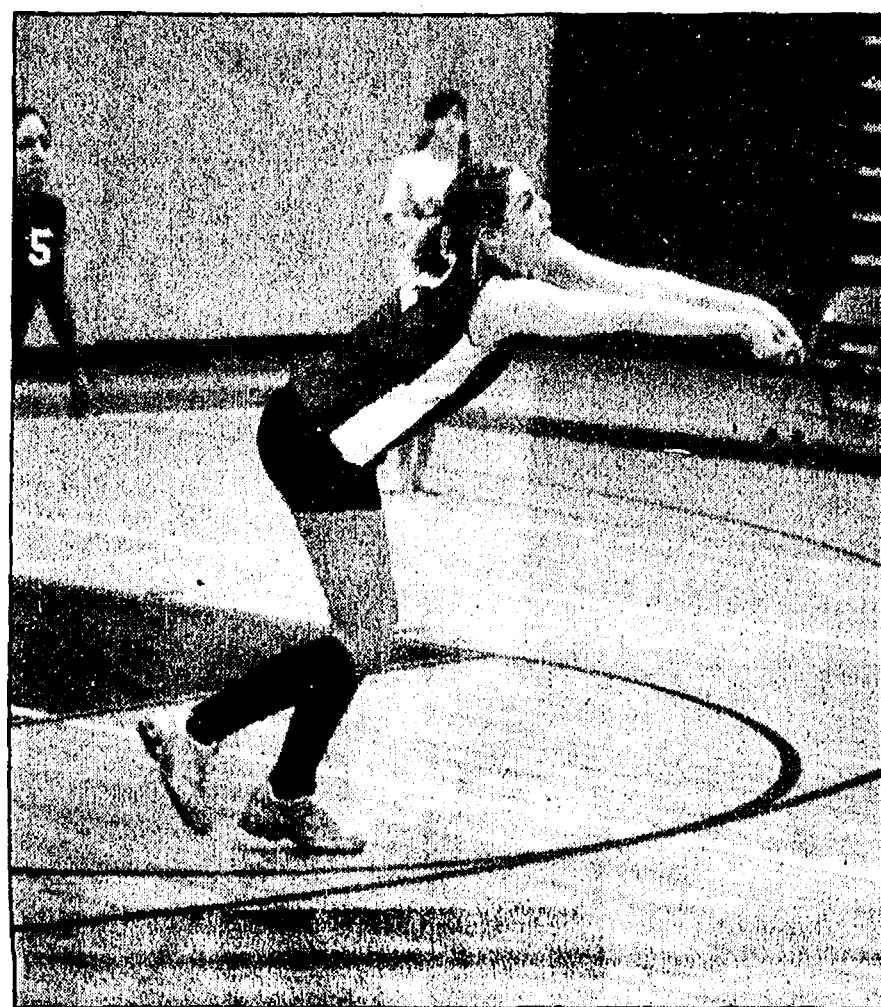
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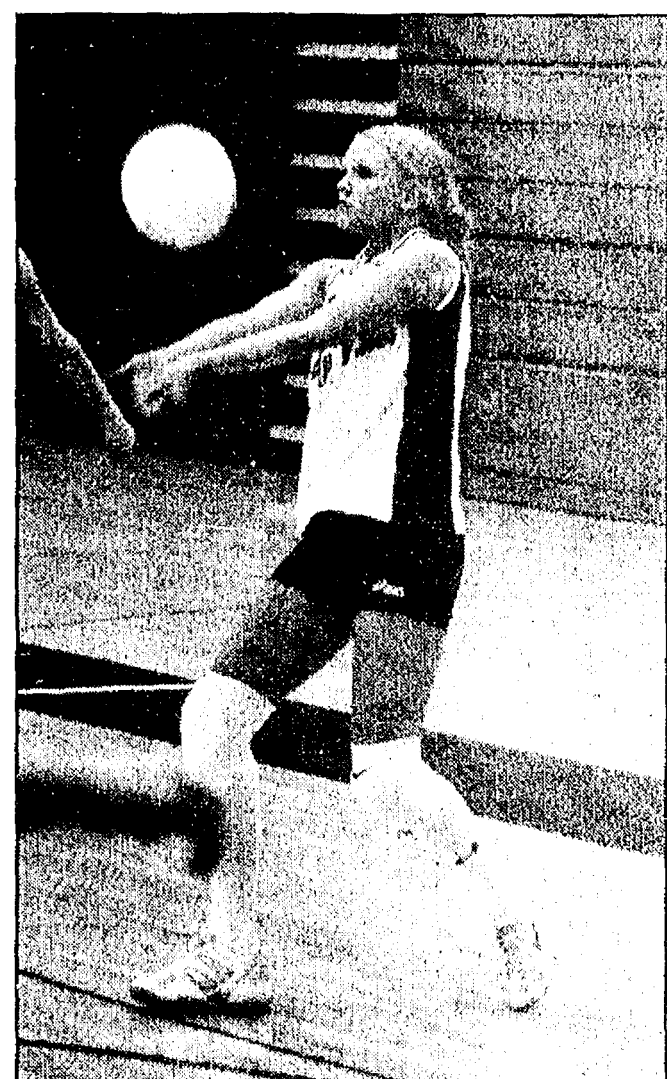
## Volleyball teams host East Jordan



Andrea Southard (left) and Sammi Wakeley (right) hit the ball for the Vikings during last Wednesday's varsity volleyball match vs. the East Jordan Red Devils at Grayling High School. East Jordan won the series 3-1 (25-16, 25-23, 14-25, 25-12).



Chelsea Wolcott (left) and Annie Melroy (right) keep the ball alive for the GHS varsity and junior varsity volleyball teams, respectively, during last week's meet against East Jordan.



Jessie Baker (left) sets for the JV team on Wednesday. Monica Peters (right) hits the ball for the junior varsity squad vs. East Jordan. The Red Devils won the JV meet 2-1.



Jessica Bindschatel (left) and Nicole Metzger (right) compete for the GHS freshman volleyball squad during its series vs. the Red Devils. East Jordan won the meet 2-1.

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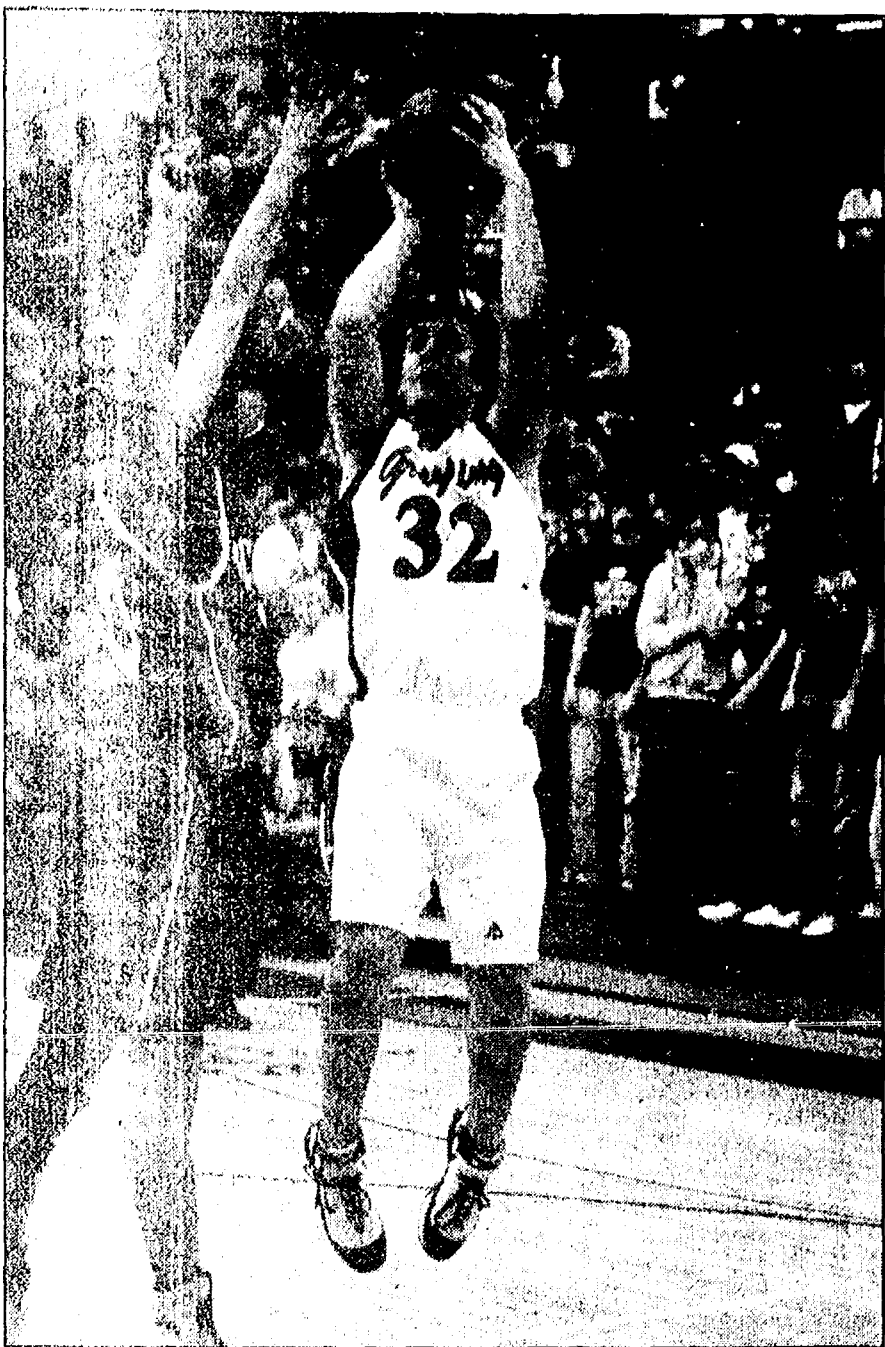
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Bobby Starks takes a jump shot for the Vikings vs. Elk Rapids on Tuesday night.



Mike Boylan shoots the ball for Grayling in last week's game against the Elks.

# Vikings move to 17-2 with two more league wins

## Grayling defeats Elk Rapids and Kalkaska to improve LMC record to 11-2

The GHS varsity boys basketball team defeated Elk Rapids and Kalkaska in league games last week, improving its Lake Michigan Conference record to 11-2 (17-2 overall).

On Tuesday, the Vikings played Elk Rapids at Grayling High School.

Grayling led 19-13 after one quarter and had a 33-19 lead at halftime. The Vikings took an 11-point advantage — 44-35 — into the fourth quarter and won by 20, 62-42.

"I thought that we did a good job on the boards tonight," Coach Rich Moffit said. "Our big kids did a nice job inside. We did a good job moving the ball around the perimeter and finding the open shooter. Defensively, as the game went on, we got a little bit better."

Bobby Starks was the scoring leader for Grayling with 18 points. Reagan Schmidt had 13 points and Jim Boylan finished with 11. Mike Boylan, Zach Dean, Steve Hodge, Eli VanNuck, and Zeke Hayes also

scored for GHS.

VanNuck had 6 steals, 4 assists, and 6 rebounds. M. Boylan had 8 rebounds and J. Boylan had 5 rebounds. Schmidt had 3 steals and 4 assists.

On Friday, Grayling won at Kalkaska 54-51.

The Vikings led 17-9 at the end of the first quarter but Kalkaska led by one at halftime, 26-25. The Blazers took a one-point advantage into the fourth quarter, 34-33. Grayling outscored Kalkaska 21-17 down the stretch to win the game by three, 54-51.

"Defense was the key to our victory. Our players were very active on the boards, pressuring the ball, and playing tough during crunch time," Coach Moffit said. "Offensively, we hit some big shots down the stretch. Eli and Bobby combined for 15 (points) in the fourth. Jim Boylan played perhaps his best game as a Viking."

Starks had 16 points for GHS. J. Boylan finished with 14 points and 12 rebounds. VanNuck had 12 points, including 9 in the fourth quarter. Schmidt, Hodge, Ryan Feldhauser, and Dean also scored points for Grayling. Schmidt had 5 assists. J. Boylan



Zeke Hayes shoots a free throw for the Vikings on Tuesday night.

had 3 blocks and M. Boylan had 2.

The Vikings play in districts next week. On Monday, Grayling plays Elk Rapids in a first round district game at Cheboygan High School at 6 p.m.

## BOWLING LEAGUE

### Senior Bowling

Spike's	65 - 35
Kicking Grass	56 - 44
Flowers By Josie	55.5 - 44.5
Grayling Pharmacy	50.5 - 49.5
Stines By Sue	47 - 53
Beard's Den Pizza	46 - 54
Lane Pine	42 - 58
Sylvester's Sports	38 - 62
High Series Women: M. Rysso, 467; H. Stairs, 450; D. Hall, 441.	
High Game Women: D. Hall, 169; H. Stairs, 169; M. Rysso, 165.	
High Series Men: K. Harris, 554; P. Faustman, 538; K. Faustman, 490.	
High Game Men: K. Harris, 226; P. Faustman, 203; K. Louchart, 201.	

### American Men's League

McLean ACE	37 - 19
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Canfield's	36 - 20
Grayling Chiropractic	34 - 22
GADCO	27 - 29
Derwich Ind	26 - 30
Fenton's Auto Serv.	26 - 30
Scheer Motors	22 - 34
Moore's Auto	16 - 40
High Series: P. Benardo, 618; D. Canfield, 604; J. Thayer, 596.	
High Game: J. Thayer, 257; DJ. Canfield, 243; D. Canfield, 223.	

### Sunday Mixed Doubles

Scott Pittman Bld.	35 - 21
Little Tyke Daycare	35 - 21
Jerry's Jokers	34 - 22
Weyerhaeuser	25 - 31
Denneo	19 - 37
Gray Rock Cafe	13 - 43
High Series Men: J. Van-Y, 596; K. Slater, 568; S. Pittman, 514.	
High Game Men: K. Slater, 229;	

J. Van-Y, 229; B. Harris, 204.	
High Series Women: E. Slater, 473; S. Harris, 428; M. Cole, 428.	
High Game Women: E. Slater, 200; E. Akers, 153; M. Cole, 152.	

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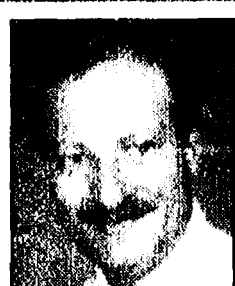
Great Lakes Mort.	34 - 22
Scott Pittman Bld.	33 - 23
Upper Lakes	32 - 24
Legion Lanes	30 - 26
Faustman Insurance	28 - 28
Corky's Karaoke	27 - 29
Sawmill	22 - 34
J-Bar	18 - 38

High Series: D. Canfield Sr., 732; P. Benardo Sr. 647; P. Faustman, 633.	
High Game: P. Benardo Sr. 268; D. Lawe, 260; D. Canfield Sr., 259.	

## POOL LEAGUE

### Women's Standings

Fredonia Inn	161
Holiday Inn	139
Sawmill Inn	138
Growlers Pub	134
Sawmill Inn	131
Legion	118
5 Ball Run, Sheila (Holiday Inn)	111
5 Ball Run, (Sawmill Inn) Dee (3) (Sawmill Inn)	6
5 Ball Run, Rachelle (Holiday Inn)	



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# LEGAL ACTION

## SYNOPSIS

### BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP

#### February 13, 2006 MEETING

The regular meeting of the Township Board was called to order at 7:00 PM. Board members present: Riley, Summers, Balmes, Little and Hartman. There were 4 visitors present.

Motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Seconded and carried.

Reports given by the Treasurer, Supervisor and Fire Chief.

There were 3 pieces of correspondence.

#### Old Business:

1. Discussion regarding "Additional Insured" being added to our rental forms for those renting Community Center. Paperwork from renters insurance must be at township 30 days prior to rental.

#### New Business:

1. Discussion regarding update of Master Plan. The Board asked for one change and motion was made by Riley and seconded by Balmes to accept the Master Plan for distribution. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0. Motion carried.

2. Agreed to let secretary order telephone headset for 30-day trial.

3. Motion by Balmes and seconded by Little to pay the AP bills. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Comments from the Audience:

1. Many comments regarding the tire cleanup scheduled for June 17th, with suggestion that a plan be in place so that those businesses being cleaned up should not be allowed to stockpile tires again.

2. Library contract will be on next agenda.

3. Township cleanup will probably be June 24th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Sharon K. Hartman, Clerk

## RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Meeting held on the 30th day of January 2006

Grayling, Michigan

Meeting called to order by Mayor Akers at 7:30 P.M.

Members Present: Larry Akers, Roger Moshier, Kim McClain, Tom Wellman

Members Absent: Vacancy  
Also in Attendance: Allen Lowe, City Manager, Michele Moshier, City Clerk, Karl Schreiner, Doug Meroney, Gaila Gilliland, Dave Sabin

#### III. Approval of Consent Agenda

A. City Council Meeting Minutes for January 09, 2006

B. City Council Meeting Minutes for January 16, 2006

06-011

Moved by Moshier, seconded by Wellman that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented:

Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacancy: 1, motion carried.

#### IV. Public Hearings

None.

#### V. Old Business

A. Council Appointment

06-012

Moved by McClain, seconded by Wellman to reschedule the interviews for the vacant City Council seat at a special City Council meeting on Monday, February 13, 2006 at 6:00 PM:

Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacancy: 1, motion carried.

B. Zoning Ordinance Amendment - Kennels

06-013

Moved by Wellman, seconded by Moshier to adopt the Zoning Ordinance amendment regarding kennels as recommended by the Planning Commission as per their meeting minutes of September 20, 2005, changing the number to "4" dogs:

Moved by Wellman, seconded by Moshier to withdraw the motion:

Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacancy: 1, motion carried.

This will be put back on the agenda for the next meeting.

C. MDOT Traffic Study

This will be put back on the agenda for the next meeting.

D. Springs Hearing Date

06-014

Moved by McClain, seconded by Moshier to schedule a Public Hearing for the February 13, 2006 Council meeting regarding the Springs Wood Products Expansion Project grant:

Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacancy: 1, motion carried.

#### VI. New Business

A. County Hazard Mitigation Plan

This will be put back on the agenda for the next meeting.

B. Skate Park

06-015

Moved by Akers, seconded by Wellman to allow the Parks & Recreation Committee to submit grants on behalf of the City to the Tony Hawk Foundation and the North Central Michigan Community Foundation to improve youth recreation opportunities:

Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacancy: 1, motion carried.

06-016

Moved by Moshier, seconded by

Wellman to allow the Skate Park to be located on the Ice Rink:

Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacancy: 1, motion carried.

C. Fed Ex Box

06-017

Moved by Moshier, seconded by Wellman to allow the "Fed Ex" box in front of 124 Michigan Avenue:

Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacancy: 1, motion carried.

D. Nuisance Ordinance Violations

The violation at 404 Ionia Street is being taken care of; the Contractor was in the office to get a Zoning Permit to start rebuilding the home.

06-018

Moved by McClain, seconded by Wellman to authorize the City Attorney to take the appropriate action to enforce the Nuisance Ordinance on 213 Brink Street:

Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacancy: 1, motion carried.

E. Summer Tax Collection

06-019

Moved by Moshier, seconded by McClain to collect the taxes of COOR, Crawford AuSable Schools and Kirtland Community College with the 2006 Summer Taxes as has been past practice:

Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacancy: 1, motion carried.

#### VII. Citizens Who Wish To Speak

The following individuals expressed their comments/concerns regarding various issues:

Doug Meroney  
Reports  
Parks & Recreation

CCEDP  
City Manager  
Councilman Moshier  
Mayor Akers

06-020

Moved by Wellman, seconded by McClain to extend the meeting past 9:30 P.M.:

Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacancy: 1, motion carried.

06-021

Moved by Moshier, seconded by Wellman to go into "Closed Session" to discuss current and pending litigation:

Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacancy: 1, motion carried.

Closed Session: 8:49 P.M. - 9:14 P.M.

06-022

Moved by Wellman, seconded by Moshier to authorize the City Attorney and the City Manager to go after quiet title for what was formally known as

Parcel "C" in the City Park:

Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacancy: 1, motion carried.

#### IX. Correspondence

A. Revenue / Expenditure Report for 07/01/2005 - 12/31/2005

B. Boards and Committees

Application - Duane Nimke

C. Kevin Elsenheimer's Weekly Lansing Update - January 13, 2006

D. Task Force #3 2006

E. Boards and Committees

Application - Karl Schreiner

F. P&RCC Draft Minutes of January 18, 2006

G. Crawford County Environmental Department - 2006

Environmental Grants

H. Tentative Camp Grayling

Schedule of Annual Training for FY 2006

I. Traffic Signal Upgrade

J. Quotation - Jack Millikin, Inc.

- 01/19/2006

K. Week In Review by Matt

Gillard - January 23, 2006

L. League Legislative Link -

January 24, 2006

M. Kevin Elsenheimer's Weekly Lansing Update - January 27, 2006

N. Week In Review by Matt

Gillard - January 30, 2006

O. Revised Traffic Signal

Upgrade

P. Fannie Finn's Invoice for

Mayor Photos and Frames

X. Adjournment

06-023

Moved by Wellman that the meeting be adjourned; Mayor Akers adjourned the meeting at 9:21 P.M..

Michele A. Moshier  
City Clerk

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 A.M. on March 22, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Northwest corner of

the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 32, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, thence South 0 degrees 03 minutes East on Section line, 104 feet for Point of Beginning; thence South 89 degrees 24 minutes East, 164 feet; thence South 0 degrees 03 minutes East, 70 feet; thence North 89 degrees 24 minutes West, 164 feet to Section line; thence North 0 degrees 03 minutes West, 70 feet to Point of Beginning. Being part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 32, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan.

And also, commencing at the Northwest corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 32, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan; thence South 0 degrees 03 minutes East on Section line, 33 feet for Point of Beginning; thence South 89 degrees 24 minutes East, 164 feet; thence South 0 degrees 03 minutes East, 71 feet; thence North 89 degrees 24 minutes West, 164 feet to Section line, thence North 0 degrees 03 minutes West, 71 feet to Point of Beginning. Being part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 32, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 16, 2006  
For more information, please call:  
FC H 248.593.1300  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Servicer  
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #082782F01

-16-23-2-9

## GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD

### Regular Meeting

February 8, 2006

Members present: Shawn Krayes, Dennis Long, Monica Ashton, Ruth O'Mara, Terry Wright.

Members Absent: Ruth O'Mara.

Others Present: Monte Burnmeister, John & Barb Wotring.

Supervisor Wright called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Motion by Long, second by Krayes, to approve minutes of January 11, 2006 as presented. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacancy: 1, motion carried.  
Record of Private Road Special Assessment District Public Hearings of January 11, 2005 was placed on file.

2. Treasurer's Report for December 2005 was distributed and placed on file.

3. Correspondence: (No action required) Chamber News, Feb 06; Recycling Report, Jan 06, Building Dept. Report, Jan 06; C.C. Sheriff's Dept Report 2005 Activity Report.

4. Motion by Long, second Krayes, to approve the Special Assessment Roll for Private Road Maintenance of Timber Trail in the amount of \$5,049.50 (includes 1% admin fee) per year for five years to be spread on the December 1, 2006 Tax Roll. Ayes: five, Nays: none, motion carried.

5. Motion by Krayes, second by Long, to approve the Special Assessment Roll for Private Road Maintenance of Turner Trail (West off Ole Dam Rd) in the amount of \$2,777.50 (includes 1% admin fee) per year for five years to be spread on the December 1, 2006 Tax Roll. Ayes: five, Nays: none, motion carried.

6. Motion by Long, second by Krayes, that this board affirms the necessity for continuation of the Special Assessment District for Private Road Maintenance of S. Horseshoe Trail (South of M-72 Hwy) and approves renewal of the same. Ayes: five, Nays: none, motion carried. Public Hearing for the tentative Special Assessment Roll will be held March 8, 2006 at 6:45 p.m.

7. Motion by Long, second by Krayes, that this board affirms the necessity for creation of a Special Assessment District for the Rebuilding of Ole Dam Rd between Turner Trail and Nottingham Drive and approves the same. Ayes: five, Nays: none, motion carried. Public Hearing for the tentative Special Assessment Roll will be held March 8, 2006 at 6:45 p.m.

8. Brian Morrison, representing the Michigan Military Museum, presented a proposal for the organization to lease the Old Fire Barn next to the Michigan State Police Crime Lab from the joint owners, City of Grayling and Grayling Township. 9. Motion by Krayes, second by Ashton, to pledge \$4500.00, over the 06-07 and 07-08 Fiscal Year Budgets as matching funds for participation in the development of the Grayling Area Transportation Plan and instructs the staff of the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments and the Crawford County Economic Development Partnership to implement the provisions thereof. Ayes: five, Nays: none, motion carried.

10. Motion by Krayes, second by Long, to authorize Township Attorney to send letters to the property owners of 6592 W M-72 Hwy and 2015 Danish Landing Road, that they comply with requests for information needed to proceed with various permit finalizations. If compliance is not forthcoming, Burnmeister is authorized to proceed with necessary steps to ensure health, safety and welfare of the public. Ayes: five, Nays: none, motion carried.

11. Motion by Krayes, second by O'Mara, to approve payment of claims of vouchers 4054 through 4107, Board & Comm fees \$370.00, Liquor Inspection fees \$120.00, Fire Dept Const. Loan \$11,040.71 for a grand total of \$45,265.03. Ayes: five, Nays: none, motion carried.

12. Motion to adjourn, carried. All ayes.

Monica Ashton, C.M.C.  
Grayling Township Clerk

## LOVELLS TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Lovells Township has two terms on the Zoning Board and two terms on the Zoning Board of Appeals that will be completed April 1, 2006. Any resident interested in applying for either of these board positions please call the Township Supervisor by March 14, 2006 at 348-9215 or stop by the township offices on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday from 9:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Cheryl Hopp  
Lovells Township Clerk

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Frederic Township Property Owners

Frederic Township Board of Review will hold its organizational meeting at 4:30 pm on March 7, 2006. The Board of Review will then meet to hear individual tax assessment appeals as per the following schedule.

March 14, 2006 2 pm-5 pm and 6 pm-9 pm  
March 18, 2006 9 am-12 pm and 1-4 pm

Each of these meetings will take place in the Township Hall, 7564 Co. Rd. 612 - Frederic, MI 49733.

Jeff Kea  
Supervisor

## LOVELLS TOWNSHIP

### BOARD OF REVIEW /

### ZONING BOARD /

### BUDGET HEARING NOTICE

The Lovells Township Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 7, 2006 at 4:30 p.m.

The Lovells Township Board of Review will meet with taxpayers on Monday, March 13, 2006 from 9:00 - 12:00 and 1:00 - 4:00 and on Wednesday, March 15, 2006 from 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. Any correspondence can be sent to 8405 Twin Bridge Road, Grayling, MI 49738 or call (989) 348-9215.

The following are tentative ratios and factors for all classes of property in Lovells Township:

Class	Ratio	Factor
Agricultural	50.00	1.000
Commercial	50.00	1.000
Residential	50.00	1.000
Personal	50.00	1.000

The Budget hearing for the General, Landfill and Liquor Fund Budgets for fiscal year 2006-2007 will be held at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Lovells Township Board on Tuesday, March 14th at 7:00 p.m.

The Zoning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals will meet for their regularly scheduled meeting at 4:00 and 4:30 p.m. at the town hall on Monday, April 3, 2006.

Fred Schaibly  
Lovells Township Supervisor

## GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

Grayling Township's Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 7, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, Michigan 49738. Telephone: (989) 348-4361.

The Board of Review will re-convene at the same address to meet with taxpayers starting at 9:00 a.m. Monday, March 13, 2006, until 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. This year the Board of Review will also be held on Thursday, March 16th from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 18th from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon. Petitioners will be received on a "first-come-first-served basis" and can also protest by mail or fax to (989) 348-6713

CLASS	TENTATIVE RATIO
Agricultural	50.00
Commercial	50.00
Industrial	50.00
Residential	50.00

Terry Wright, Supervisor  
Monica Ashton, Clerk

## NOTICE

### City of Grayling Board of Review

The City of Grayling Board of Review will meet at the City Hall, 1020 City Blvd., Grayling, on the following dates:

Organizational Meeting: Tuesday, March 7th, at 7:00 PM.

To Hear Taxpayer Petitions: Wednesday, March 15th, 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon and 1:00 to 4:00 PM; Friday, March 17th, 1:00 to 4:00 PM and 6:00 to 9:00 PM.

Tentative ratios and estimated multipliers for real and personal property within the City of Grayling for 2006, are as follows:

Class	Tentative Ratio	Factor
Commercial	50.00	1.00000
Industrial	50.00	1.00000
Residential	50.00	1.00000
Developmental	50.00	1.00000
Personal	50.00	1.00000

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA41.72a(2)(3) and the American With Disabilities Act (ADA).

The City of Grayling will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting, upon seven (7) days notice to the City of Grayling.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the City of Grayling by writing or calling the following:

Christie Verlac, Assessor  
1020 City Blvd.  
P.O. Box 549  
Grayling, MI 49738  
(989)348-2131

Christie Verlac, Assessor

Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Services, Inc. is seeking proposals for the provision of prevention services for FY 2007 in the preliminary service area of Clare, Crawford, Gladwin, Isabella, Mecosta, Midland and Osceola.

For Request for Proposal packets please contact: Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Services, Inc., 1165 Elkview, Suite #1, P.O



# LEGAL ACTION

## Notice Of Mortgage Sale

Default having been made in the conditions of certain Mortgages, the first such Mortgage having been made by MICHAEL J. WARGO and KELLY M. WARGO, his wife, whose address is 7671 W. May Lake Road, Frederic, Michigan 49733, to THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now known as Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, with an office being located at 1501 Cass Street, Suite A, Traverse City, Michigan 49684, the Mortgagee, dated August 20, 1985 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan on August 21, 1985 in Liber 237 of Crawford County Records on Pages 377 through 380, inclusive, and the second such Mortgage being made by Kelly Wargo to THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now known as Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, such Mortgage being dated September 10, 1990 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan on September 10, 1990 in Liber 315 of Crawford County Records on Pages 214 through 217, inclusive, and it further appearing that Kelly M. Wargo (now known as Kelly M. Verlinde) is the record owner of the mortgaged premises hereinafter; and by reason of such default, the Mortgagee elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of such Mortgages due and payable forthwith, on which Mortgages there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FOURTEEN AND 41/100 (\$117,614.41) DOLLARS, and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgages, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgages has become operative;

**Now Therefore, Notice is Hereby Given** that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgages and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, said Mortgages will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front lobby of the Crawford County Courthouse located at 200 W. Michigan Avenue in the City of Grayling and County of Crawford, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on **Wednesday March 15, 2006 at 10:00 o'clock**, local time, in the forenoon of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgages together with 11 and 3/8ths percent interest on the first Mortgage and 9.0 percent interest on the second Mortgage, legal costs, attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are describe in said Mortgages as follows to-wit:

Lands and premises situated in the Township of Frederic, County of Crawford, and State of Michigan:

The West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the

Northwest 1/4 of Section 2, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, lying South of the County Road. (Also Commonly known as 7671 W. May Lake Road, Frederic Michigan, 49733; tax no. 030-002-005-125-00.)

The redemption period shall be one (1) year from the date of such sale unless property is abandoned in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale. This is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Further information with regard to this foreclosure contact the Community Development Manager at the local office of Rural Development (formerly Farmers Home Administration), 240 West Wright Street, West Branch, Michigan 48661, telephone (989) 345-4910, ext. 4.

Dated: January 31, 2006  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, Mortgagee

Robert J. Zitta (P22749)  
Attorney for Mortgagee  
SCHEUERLE & ZITTA  
300 Washington Street  
P.O. Box 212  
Grand Haven, MI 49417  
(616) 842-1470

## MORTGAGE SALE

**THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.**

Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Tim A. Thiel, a single man, and Paul N. Thiel, a single man, mortgagors, to Independent Bank, f/k/a First National Bank of Gaylord, mortgagee. The Mortgage is dated January 18, 2002, and was recorded on June 20, 2002, in Liber 585 on pages 65 through 68 of the Crawford County records. The balance owing on the Mortgage as of the date of this Notice is \$31,058.51, including interest at 8.75% per year. The Mortgage contains a power of sale clause and no proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt owing.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on Wednesday, March 8, 2006, at 10:00 a.m. local time at the main entrance to the Crawford County Court Facility, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for Crawford County, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in the Township of Beaver Creek, County of Crawford, Michigan and is described as: Parcel 33: A parcel of land on part of the East half of Section 8, T25N, R3W, Beaver Creek Township, Crawford County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the East Quarter corner of said Section 8; thence N89°48'29"W, 299.59 feet to the Point of Beginning, thence S80°52'01"W, 3.34 feet; thence N01°12'41"E, 395.35 feet; thence N81°49'34"E, 202.71 feet; thence S01°12'41"W, 391.94 feet; thence

S80°52'01"W, 197.27 feet to the Point of Beginning. SUBJECT TO an easement for ingress, egress and public utilities over and across the Southerly 33 feet thereof.

The redemption period will expire six (6) months from the date of sale, unless it is determined that the property is abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of the sale.

Dated: January 19, 2006  
SMITH, MARTIN, POWERS & KNIER, P.C.  
By: Henry L. Knier, Jr. (P46393)  
Attorney for Independent Bank, f/k/a First National Bank of Gaylord, Mortgagee  
900 Washington Ave., P.O. Box 219  
Bay City, MI 48707  
(989) 892-4574

-2-9-16-23-2

## MORTGAGE SALE

**AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY (248) 362-6100 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.**

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Raymond W. Nelson and Darlene E. Nelson, husband and wife of Crawford County, Michigan, Mortgagee to Fifth Third Bank dated the 6th day of August, A.D. 2003, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 20th day of May, A.D. 2004, in Liber 668 of Crawford Records, on page 338, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of \$79,746.35 (Seventy Nine thousand, Seven hundred Forty Six dollars and Thirty Five cents) including interest there on at 11.99% (eleven point nine nine) percent per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 15th day of March, A.D., 2006, at 10:00 a.m. o'clock said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the county building, in Grayling, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the Township of Maple Forest, in the County of Crawford and State of Michigan and described as follows to-wit:

Parcel F: Part of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 34, Town 28 North, Range 3 West, Maple Forest Township, Crawford County, Michigan, Commencing at the West one-quarter of said Section 34; thence South 0 degrees 55 minutes 15 seconds East (along the Section line), 651.1 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 59 degrees 07 minutes East, 155.3 feet; thence South 50 degrees 17 minutes East, 200.8 feet; thence South 35 degrees 54 minutes East, 246.3 feet; thence South 15 degrees 35 minutes West, 125.9 feet; thence South 2 degrees 10 minutes West, 104.2 feet to the South one-eighth line; thence North 89 degrees 26 minutes 30 seconds West, 384.1 feet to the Section line; thence North 0 degrees 55 minutes 15 seconds West, 629.45 feet to the point of beginning.

Commonly known as: 6306 Gardenia Trail  
Tax ID: 020-034-010-120-00

The redemption period shall be one year from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 9, 2006  
WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., L.P.A.

By: Daniel E. Best, (P-58501)  
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgagee  
Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.  
2155 Butterfield Drive, Suite 200-S  
Troy, Michigan 48064

WWR#03918457

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## Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James M. Gilliam, married and Raylene E. Gilliam, original mortgagor(s), to Community Mortgage Services, Inc., Mortgagee, dated November 29, 2001, and recorded on December 18, 2001 in Liber 563 on Page 529, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Flagstar Bank, FSB as assignee by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Six Thousand Ninety And 90/100 Dollars (\$66,090.90), including interest at 6.875% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on March 29, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Being part of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 19, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, described as: Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Section 19, running thence South 0 degrees 06 minutes 15 seconds East along section line, 2318.61 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing South 0 degrees 06 minutes 15 seconds East along section line, 331.23 feet to the East 1/4 corner; thence South 89 degrees 48 minutes 30 seconds West along East-West 1/4 line, 1318.1 feet to the 1/8 corner; thence North 0 degrees 07 minutes West along 1/8 line, 332.0 feet; thence North 89 degrees 50 minutes 34 seconds East, 1318.18 feet to the point of beginning, Crawford County Records  
The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 23, 2006  
For more information, please call:  
FC W 248.593.1312  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Servicer  
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #084761F01

-23-2-9-16

## STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT 46TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT ORDER FOR ALTERNATE SERVICE

200 WEST MICHIGAN AVENUE  
GRAYLING, MI 49738  
989-344-3206  
Case No. 05-6874-CH  
Plaintiff  
MB FINANCIAL BANK F/K/A  
AVONDALE FEDERAL SAVINGS  
BANK  
Attorney  
TROTT & TROTT, P.C.  
BY: JANET Y. MILLER (P64224)  
30400 TELEGRAPH ROAD,  
STE. 200  
BINGHAM FARMS, MI 48025  
248-642-2515  
v  
Defendant

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON INCREASING PROPERTY TAXES

The LOVELLS TOWNSHIP BOARD of the TOWNSHIP OF LOVELLS will hold a public hearing on a proposed increase of .0208 mills in the operating tax millage rate to be levied in 2006.

The hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 14th, 2006 at 7:00 a.m. at the LOVELLS TOWNSHIP HALL.

The date and location of the meeting to take action on the proposed additional millage will increase operating revenue from ad valorem property taxes .97% over such revenues generated by levies permitted without hold a hearing. If the proposed additional millage rate is not approved the operating revenue will increase by 0% over the preceding year's operating revenue.

IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN BASIC SERVICES OF THE TOWNSHIP, THE TOWNSHIP BOARD PROPOSES TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL MILL RATE OF .0208 MILLS (.020 CENTS PER THOUSAND SEV).

The taxing unit publishing this notice, and identified below, has complete authority to establish the number of mills to be levied from within its authorized millage rate.  
This notice is published by:

TOWNSHIP OF LOVELLS  
8405 TWIN BRIDGE ROAD  
GRAYLING, MI 49738  
(989) 348-9215  
(989) 348-6437 FAX

RICHARD KAHN  
JILL KAHN  
205 N. PARK DRIVE  
GRAYLING, MI 49738  
THE COURT FINDS:

1. Service of process upon defendants RICHARD KAHN AND JILL KAHN cannot reasonably be made as provided in MCR 2.105, and service of process may be made in a manner which is reasonably calculated to give defendant actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard.

IT IS ORDERED:  
2. Service of the summons and complaint and a copy of this order may be made by the following method(s):  
d. PUBLISHING IN THE LEGAL NEWS FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD IN FOR THREE CONSECUTIVE WEEKS.

3. For each method used, proof of service must be filed promptly with the court.  
Date 1/30/06 Judge Murphy  
-16-23-2

## Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

**THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.**

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Charles Rodney Bardon and Jamesina P Bardon, tenants by entirety, original mortgagor(s), to NBD Bank, Mortgagee, dated March 18, 1999, and recorded on April 6, 1999 in Liber 478 on Page 248, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Eight And 71/100 Dollars (\$49,308.71), including interest at 7.74% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on March 29, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing on the Southwest corner of the West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 28, Township 25 North, Range 2 West; Thence East on Section Line between Sections 28 and 33, for a distance of 132 feet; thence North at right angles 1320 feet; thence West at right angles 132 feet; thence South on West 1/8 line 1320 feet to place of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 23, 2006  
For more information, please call:  
FC G 248.593.1310  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Servicer  
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #080705F01

-23-2-9-16

## MORTGAGE SALE

**THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.**

**MORTGAGE SALE**  
Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Daniel K. Smith and Christine W. Smith, husband and wife, to Alliance Funding, a Division of Superior Bank, FSB, mortgagee, dated February 18, 2000 and recorded March 14, 2000, in Liber 503, Page 278, Crawford County Records. Said mort-

gage is now held by LaSalle Bank National Association, f/k/a LaSalle National Bank, in its capacity as indenture trustee under that certain Sale and Servicing Agreement dated June 1, 2000, among AFC Trust Series 2000-2, as Issuer, Superior Bank FSB, as Seller Servicer and LaSalle Bank National Association as Indenture Trustee. AFC Mortgage Loan Asset Baked Notes, Series 2000-2 and any amendments thereto by assignment dated March 21, 2002 and recorded on March 10, 2003 in Liber 623, Page 101, Crawford County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand Two and 15/100 Dollars (\$35,002.15) including interest at the rate of 14.50% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on March 29, 2006.

The premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The West one-half of the East one-half of the West one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 7, Town 26 North, Range 2 West.

Together with right of ingress and egress from Highway M-72 over a strip of land 66 feet wide, lying 33 feet on each side of the North and South one-quarter line of said Section 7, Town 26 North, Range 2 West. Mobil Home Manufacturer Redman Year 1992 model # 11240842 length 16 width 69

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale.

Dated: February 23, 2006  
ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC  
Attorneys for LaSalle Bank National Association, f/k/a LaSalle National Bank, in its capacity as indenture trustee under that certain Sale and Servicing Agreement dated June 1, 2000 among AFC Trust Series 2000-2, as Issuer, Superior Bank FSB, as Seller Servicer and LaSalle Bank National Association as Indenture Trustee. AFC Mortgage Loan Asset Baked Notes, Series 2000-2 and any amendments thereto As Assignee

P.O. Box 5041  
Troy, MI 48007-5041  
(248) 457-1000  
File No. 199.2512  
nab

-23-2-9-16-23

## STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

File No. 06-7092-DE  
Estate of Donald Olsen, deceased  
Date of birth: 6/28/58  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:  
The decedent, Donald Olsen, who lived at 1885 Cherry Creek, Grayling, Michigan died January 19, 2006.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Russell Olsen, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 West Michigan Ave., Grayling, Michigan 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: February 13, 2006  
Russell Olsen  
53291 Pimperil Lane  
Chesterfield Township, Michigan 48051  
586-749-5677

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## NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING CRAWFORD COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

The Crawford County Road Commission will be holding a Special Meeting March 10, 2006 at 8:30 a.m. at the Grayling Township Hall.

Purpose for the meeting is to Participate in the Crawford County MTA Chapter meeting and hold discussion regarding the existing local road allocation policy.

## PUBLIC NOTICE LAND OWNERS USING CAMERON BRIDGE ROAD FOR PROPERTY ACCESS

The Frederic Township Board will conduct a public hearing beginning at 7:00 PM on March 13, 2006 at the Township Hall, 7564 County Road 612, Frederic, MI to consider the establishment of a special assessment district for the paving of segments of Cameron Bridge Road from its intersection with Kolka Creek Road to its intersection with Dickinson Road.

This will be the second of two public hearings held under PA 188 of 1954 that are required prior to establishing a special assessment. The purpose of this hearing will be for the board to determine which of three project proposals to implement and a subsequent determination as to how the costs of the chosen project is to be spread. Please plan to attend the hearing to register your comments or send a signed statement to:

Frederic Township  
ATTN: Supervisor  
P.O. Box 78  
Frederic, MI 49733

Preliminary plans, district maps, and cost estimates are on file at the Township Hall.

Jeff Kea  
Supervisor

## TAXPAYERS OF MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP

The Maple Forest Township Board of Review will hold its organizational meeting on March 7, 2006 at 9 a.m.

The Board of Review will meet with the public on:

Mon.,	March 13, 2006	9am - noon 1pm - 4pm
Thurs.,	March 16, 2006	1pm - 4pm 6pm - 9pm

All meetings will be held at the township hall, located at 8996 N. Sherman Rd..

The purpose of these meetings will be to hear petitioners who wish to appeal their assessments, classifications, and to answer any questions pertaining to the tax roll.

CLASSIFICATIONS	FACTOR	RATIO
Real Property	50.00	1.0000
Agriculture	50.00	1.0000
Residential	50.00	1.0000
Commercial	50.00	1.0000
Industrial	50.00	1.0000

Mark D. Kniss  
Supervisor  
Maple Forest Township



# FEATURES

## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



**Kalkaska National Trout Festival Committee names George Griffith of Grayling, The 1960 Trout King.**

**23 Years Ago  
March 3, 1983**

Crawford County deputy Art Clough and sergeant Bill Heemer were the first of eight sheriff department members to take a cold swim at Lake Margrethe in 20 degree weather. Practicing winter rescue and search techniques, Clough and Heemer stayed under the 16 foot deep water for more than 10 minutes covering 50 yards on either side of the hole.

The DNR is planning an '84 offensive against a large amount of sand that is threatening a prime

fishing stretch in the mainstream of the AuSable. DNR district fish chief Gary Schnicke said he and other DNR fisheries personnel will be putting together a plan this summer to rid the famous trout stream of an excessive amount of sand moving downstream from Grayling.

A Michigan Department of Corrections inspection found six areas in the Crawford County jail below state standards, and that's the good news. The bad news is the cost for correcting the deficiencies.

Close to \$3,000 was stolen

from the American Legion Post 106 in Grayling. Money was taken from a safe, cash registers, and coin-operated machines. The Grayling City Police have three suspects in the burglary and expect to make arrests.

Grayling Viking wrestlers Steve Sauve, John Solomon, and Jim Piper all captured first place in the regional competition at Hart. Dan Meldrum took second, Tim Moore and Chris Krajenska took thirds, and Ron Wyman took fourth. All seven wrestlers will wrestle in the finals near Grand Rapids. Coach Don Ferguson brought home an award of his own from the regional tournament. He was named regional coach of the year, being one of eight coaches in the state honored.

Karyn Reynolds took first place in the State slalom finals and finished fourth in the giant slalom. This helped Grayling to take fifth place in the state.

General Telephone announced that its customers will be able to obtain phone service through its new "self-service" Phone Mart Customer Service Booth which opened in the Grayling State Bank.

**46 Years Ago  
March 3, 1960**

In Frederic News - telephones are ringing in town now and almost everyone has one installed, which is a great necessity in the neighborhood.

When train No. 210 arrived at Grayling on Feb. 23, Conductor J.L. Martin, of 709 Maple Street

stepped down from the caboose for the last time, winding up a career of nearly 47 years of rail-roading which spanned the Atlantic.

**69 Years Ago  
March 4, 1937**

By virtue of a 33-21 victory over East Jordan, the green and white clad hoopsters of Grayling High completed their 1936-37 season schedule with a record of eight wins and nine losses.

Caroline Nelson had four little schoolmates, Emily Giegling, Rose Bishaw, Sally Brady and Jacqueline Harwood help her celebrate her seventh birthday.

Mrs. Willard Harwood gave a kitchen shower for Nettie Anscomb. Bunco was played and Mrs. T. SanCartier and Mrs. Stanley Lazarowicz winning most games.

**92 Years Ago  
March 5, 1914**

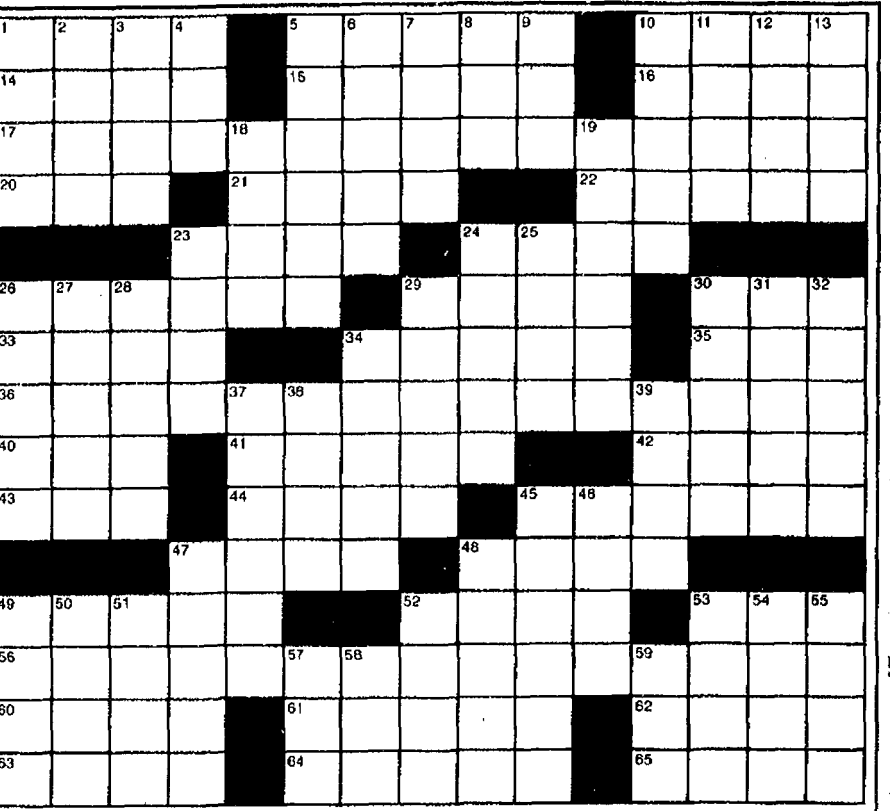
Jeff Fogelsonger had to resign his position at the Frank Gierke barbershop on account of his eyes being affected.

The highest bowling score made this year at Standard Bowling Alley was made by Ernie Larson, with a score of 253.

Phil VanPatten is the new night clerk at the new Russell hotel.

While out duck hunting, Grant Shaw had the misfortune of smashing his riverboat. C.C. Fink, who was along at the time, was driving the horse and was going pretty fast when one end of the boat struck the bridge that crossed the river.

## CROSSWORD



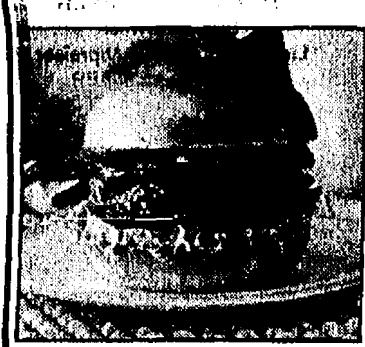
Across

1. Taffy (Clarence) J., first American to carry the flag in the opening ceremonies of the Winter Olympics.
5. Tiny, quick flash of light.
10. Sixth month of the civil year, the 12th month of the ecclesiastic year in the Jewish calendar.
14. Small European freshwater fish with a slender bluish-green body.
15. Proportion of one value to another, related value.
16. Italian coin equivalent in value to the French franc.
17. Stage of arteriosclerosis involving fatty deposits inside the arterial walls.
20. Past participle of "meet."
21. Fall silent.
22. Remove one's head covering as a sign of deference.
23. Game in which numbered balls are drawn at random and players cover the corresponding numbers on their cards.
24. Cause disintegration of a compound.
26. Part of a TV program taken up by unplanned material.
29. Walls built across a river to stop the flow and collect water.
30. (Thomas) Hyer, boxer.
33. Away from the direction of the wind.
34. Monetti, Teen Titan aka Argent.
35. Bailey, member of the Hockey Hall of Fame.
36. Person who is an authority on history and studies and writes about it.
40. Slang for "diamonds."
41. General term describing the standard category and overall character of a work.
42. TV show starring Keith Ledger.
43. Small nocturnal mammal with a fur-covered body.
44. Low, crummy, uncoordinated cards.
45. Glistening.
47. Wax-like protuberance at the base of the upper part of a bird's bill.
48. On top of.
49. Paul, Cleveland Cavaliers coach.
52. Someone who uses a specified facility.
53. Vineyard; category in the classification of certain French wines.
56. At the same time.
59. Herd of wild animals; respect, wonder, and dread.
61. Gave help to.
62. Any woody climbing plant bearing grapes.
63. Consisting of a great number.
64. 1989 film starring Matthew Broderick.
65. Units of energy in the CGS system.

Down

1. Berry, composer.
2. Lower, especially in amount.
3. Natural.
4. Sammy, first diver to win two gold medals in the Olympic platform diving event.
5. Surface smoothed by abrasion.
6. Rope with a running noose used to catch horses.
7. Skin irritation marked by pruritus.
8. Zero.
9. One of the small members which form the extremity of the foot.
10. Lacking companionship.
11. Generic term used in computing to distinguish read-only digital storage media from those that are rewritable.
12. 1987 film directed by Robert Altman and Bruce Beresford.
13. Coarse file used for shaping materials.
18. Mother of the gods in Greek mythology.
19. The "House," novel by John LeCarre.
23. Young guinea fowl.
24. Slang for "excellent."
25. Primal giant of the progenitor of a race of frost giants in Norse mythology.
26. Formerly a term of respect for important white Europeans in colonial India.
27. General anatomical nomenclature for a ridge or fold.
28. Entire section of a book which has become detached and glued back in place.
29. The "of Perception," novel by Aldous Huxley.
30. Natural Forest, straddling the crest of the Sierra Nevada Mountains in northern California.
31. Park, 2002 film starring Kenneth Hughes.
32. The "Widow," 1934 film starring Maurice Chevalier.
34. Small amount of color added.
37. Female ogre.
38. Common acronym printed on cameras.
39. Slang term for cleaning fresh produce.
46. Securely in position.
46. The "Book," review source for children's and young adult books.
47. Duffer, Dutch alto-saxophonist.
48. New England, perennial native to northeastern portion of the United States.
49. Racket.
50. State whose flower is the wild prairie rose.
51. Right of a secured creditor to grab a specific item of property if one doesn't pay a debt.
52. Reverse the effects of a previous action.
53. Fiber obtained from coconut husks.
54. Crosspiece of a chair.
55. Purposes for which something is used.
57. Go after with the intent to catch.
58. Garlic.
59. "of Destruction," 1991 film starring Gregory Hines.

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK



## Luau Burgers

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|---|---|
| 1 pound ground beef/pork mixture (8 ounces of each) | 1/8 teaspoon hot mustard powder, if desired                     |
| 1/4 cup chopped onion                               | 4 slices canned pineapple, drained (reserve 1 tablespoon juice) |
| 1/2 teaspoon and 1 1/2 cups kosher salt             | 4 slices green pepper, cut into thin strips                     |
| 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper                    | hamburger buns, split and lightly toasted                       |
| 1/2 cup prepared sweet-and-sour sauce, divided      | 1/3 cup water   |

**Preparation:** Mix ground meats with onion, 1/2 teaspoon Morton Kosher Salt, pepper and three tablespoons sweet-and-sour sauce. Shape mixture into 4 patties; set aside. In small bowl, combine remaining sweet-and-sour sauce with hot mustard; set aside. Pour water into a shallow baking pan (preferably a 9 1/2 x 10 3/4 x 1-inch baking pan), and evenly sprinkle the remainder of the kosher salt over the water. Place patties on wet salt.

**Cooking:** Bake at 350° F until desired doneness. Do not turn patties. Transfer burgers to plate and keep warm. Discard salt bed. In skillet, sauté pineapple slices and green pepper in reserved tablespoon of pineapple juice. Stir in sweet-and-sour sauce/mustard mixture; heat through with pineapple and peppers. Place one pineapple slice on bottom half of bun, then burger. Top with peppers/sweet-and-sour sauce mixture. Cover with top half of bun; serve.

Makes 4 Servings

## ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

## ADOPT A PET



**Magic**  
is a silky, long haired beauty with white paws, chin and chest. She gets along with other cats and is very affectionate. She's about a year old now, spayed and up to date on her shots.

## Flora

is a real character, happy and friendly. She is a 1 or 2 years old, housebroken, spayed and up to date on her shots. She gets along well with the other dogs, too.



**The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:  
508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling**

Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall  
Hours: Open 9 to 3 Monday thru Saturday, 9 to 12 on Sundays and Holidays  
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

For more pets or more information, visit our website [www.ascsp.petfinder.com](http://www.ascsp.petfinder.com)

## WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

### Last Week

Date	H	L	Precip.
2/22	28	5	0.02
2/23	34	14	0
2/24	30	-2	0.03
2/25	28	-7	0.08
2/26	25	11	0
2/27	21	11	0.01
2/28	22	1	0

### Extended Forecast (Courtesy of the Weather.com)

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
High 32 Low 18	High 25 Low 11	High 31 Low 19	High 36 Low 19	High 30 Low 20	High 31 Low 22
Snow Shower	Few Snow Showers	Partly Cloudy	Few Snow Showers	Few Snow Showers	Mostly Cloudy

**Find the Twins**  
WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?

**DID YOU KNOW ??**

1 in every 4 Americans have appeared on television.

**HIDDEN PICTURE**

Color in each space that contains a letter.

## HOROSCOPES

For the Week of March 2, 2006

 <b>CAPRICORN</b> December 22-January 19 The wishing well is all dried up, Capricorn, and you're feeling blue. Snap out of it. People all around you are suffering. Find out what you can do to help.	 <b>ARIES</b> March 21-April 19 Spare me the drama, Aries. You blew it, you know it and now it's time to pick up the pieces. A blast from the past brings a refreshing air to the weekend.	 <b>CANCER</b> June 22-July 22 A home improvement project turns out better than expected. Celebrate with a few hours of old-fashioned fun. Thoughts of yesterday bring out the best in you.	 <b>LIBRA</b> September 23-October 22 True courage is called for this week, as an old friend makes a bad decision. Speak up and let them know how you feel. Plans for an upcoming trip go smoothly.
 <b>AQUARIUS</b> January 20-February 18 Relax, Aquarius. A project at work presents a gruesome challenge, but you will figure it out. At home, your pleas for more help do not go unheard.	 <b>TAURUS</b> April 20-May 20 Let peace be your guide, Taurus, and troubled times will be few. A letter from home inspires you and your family to awesome heights.	 <b>LEO</b> July 23-August 22 Lucky you, Leo. A financial windfall puts you on top. Spend it well. A glimpse into the future bears more good news for you and those you love.	 <b>SCORPIO</b> October 23-November 21 Live large, Scorpio, and leap forward. A bit of adventure every now and then never hurt anyone. A long-lost pal returns from a trip with a juicy scoop.
 <b>PISCES</b> February 19-March 20 Quick wit will come in handy this week, as a young relative becomes unglued and makes a scene. You know just what to say and do to put everyone at ease.	 <b>GEMINI</b> May 21-June 21 A strategic counter-move puts you in a better position. Give yourself a pat on the back and start planning your next move. A big miracle comes in a small package.	 <b>VIRGO</b> August 23-September 22 Don't lose it, Virgo, but something you did long ago is about to launch you into a world of chaos. Go with the flow. Plans are underway for a festive weekend—join in the fun.	 <b>SAGITTARIUS</b> November 22-December 21 The rush is on at work to meet a deadline, Sagittarius, and you're feeling tense. Calm down and clear your head. With diligence and finesse, you will pull it off.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY.



# ADVERTISING CLASSIFIED

## Crawford County Avalanche

### 1. Real Estate

**AUSABLE RIVER FRONT PROPERTY** only 100 feet off black top, all utilities in area, property is high ground and includes a small water inlet. Property dimensions are: 100' x 250'. Priced to sell at \$54,900. 973-579-2429. (-16-23-2/1)

**FOR SALE** 2.3 acres on East Branch with 230' frontage, 2 miles to city limits. \$52,000. 989-619-9031. (-16-23-2/1)

**LOW INCOME** housing available to purchase. Apply with Connie at Century 21. Call for an appointment. 348-5474 or cell 390-2888. Currently 5 homes available. (2/23/06tf/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**GREAT, CLEAN 2 BEDROOM** home, vacant and ready to move into, 301 Brink Street. Investment company wants to dump it and move on. \$45,900 with 20% down, \$350 per month or \$39,000 cash. Call toll free 888-943-3200. Brokers welcome and encouraged. (LR3/2/06/1)

**AUTOMATICALLY RECEIVE NEW LISTINGS** e-mailed to you. Call us at 348-5474 or email to cnt21@i2k.com Century 21 River Country Real Estate. Visit our web: www.century21grayling.com (2/23/06tf/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**OLDIE BUT A GOODIE** Land contract. Immaculate 970 square foot mobile home with 2 bedrooms, sun room, covered entrance, 2 detached garages, cute hobbie or guest house, two large lots, shed and central air. LC terms with \$5,750 down at 9 7/8%, \$446.97 per month plus tax with 3 year balloon. \$39,750. Ask for Randy at Century 21 River Country. 348-5474. (-23-2-9/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**NEED MONEY HOMEOWNERS:** Have millions to lend. Will approve loans the banks won't. Good or bad credit. Late house payments, bankruptcy, self-employed, no problem. For a free analysis call Josh (888) 826-7177. (A Michigan based company) (LR3/23/06/1)

**THAT VACATION CABIN OR HOME** can always be found in the Avalanche For Rent Classifieds. (989) 348-6811

### 1. Real Estate

**3 BLOCKS** from Lake Margrethe. 3 Bedroom, 1 bath with garage on dead end street in great neighborhood. Built in 1992 on large lot. \$84,000. (989) 348-7515. (-2-9gof/1)

**A ROOF OVER YOUR HEAD** can always be found in the Avalanche Real Estate Classifieds 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (989) 348-6811

### 2a. Want to Rent

**LOOKING TO RENT** a 3 bedroom home with finished basement or 4 bedroom home. Location in Grayling or Roscommon area. Call Lisa or Tim at 344-0076. (-2-9/2a)

### 2. Rent

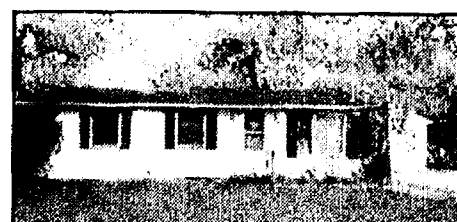
**WEEKLY AND MONTHLY** house and cottage rentals near Roscommon, Grayling, on Higgins Lake and on Houghton Lake. Higgins North Vacation Rentals. (989) 821-3434. (12/25/03tf/2)

**ROOMY 1 BEDROOM** upper apartment, in good neighborhood. Includes gas, electric, water, stove, refrigerator, washer, dryer and digital cable. Carpeted throughout. No children, no smoking, no pets. \$580 per month plus deposit. References required. Phone: 348-8993. (-2-9/2)

**2 BEDROOM** 2-car garage, \$350 plus utilities and security deposit, non-smoking, no pets. 390-0804. (LR3/9/06/2)

### 1. Real Estate

**RENT TO OWN!** If you pay rent, you can own! Stop paying off your landlord's mortgage! You can Rent-To-Own your own home even with poor credit! Call Steven at 866-860-7994. 24 hour recorded message.



**\$480 a Month\***

**OWN** this neat and clean 3 bedroom, 1 bath home with garage located in a nice subdivision close to town, bike trails, Hason Hills, and Lake Margrethe for O-Down.

**LESS THAN RENT!**

Great credit not required.

\*For financing details contact:  
"Your friend Liz in the mortgage biz"

at

**GREAT LAKES MORTGAGE SERVICES**

501 N. James St., Ste. A

Grayling, MI 49738

348-7500 or

Toll free 866-948-7500

Property is listed by:

Connie Winans of Century 21 River Country, R.E.

989-390-2888



**Connie**  
10 acres and just about everything else you could want... newer Salt Box style home with 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, full-walkout basement, beautiful Knotty Pine vaulted ceilings, and Knotty Pine wood flooring. \$145,000 #5586



Century 21  
River Country Real Estate  
5688 M-72 West, Grayling  
(989) 390-2888 & (989) 348-5474

**RE/MAX**  
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www.remax-grayling-mi.com  
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**"MOTIVATED SELLER"** Cute 3 bedroom bungalow home with Deeded Easement to the Manistee River. Nice screened in front porch for those summer nights, new carpet, complete new bathroom and walk-in closet. Blacktop circle driveway, shed, garden area, and only 10 minutes from town. Includes appliances. Offered at \$89,000 DBB-2250  
\*0% DOWNPAYMENT-\$747.00 MONTHLY PMTS.  
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Contact me to list your property.*

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**RIVER COUNTRY**

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### NEW LISTING



**Charming 3 bedroom** home on a peaceful 5 acre setting. Home features knotty pine interior, wood floors, wood burning stove with river rock accent, 1.5 baths, formal dining, nook, enclosed porch and utility basement. A must see. #5641 \$120,000

### REDUCED



**Dream Property:** Home, RV Area, state land. Outstanding 3 bedroom, 2 bath home and 3 car garage. RV area has 2 water & electric hook ups, 2 outhouses and fire pit. 1000's of acres of state land right across the dead end driveway. #5540 \$129,900



**3 bedrooms, 2 baths, full walk-out** basement, close to public access, with a view of tranquil K.P. Lake and a garage for the toys. A peaceful setting...summer, winter, spring or fall. #5605 \$99,900



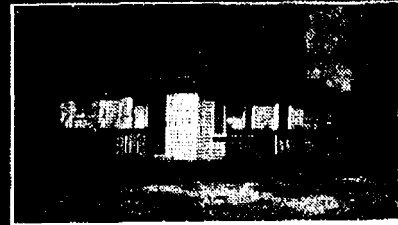
**An excellent four season recreational setting.** 3 bedrooms, 2 baths with an attached, heated garage on 3.33 acres with 203' of frontage on the upper AuSable and a short ride to the snowmobile trails. #5606 \$134,900



**This is a very well maintained property,** clean and neat. It can be a 2 bedroom with a den or a 3 bedroom and no den. The owner will have very little to do to make this property their home. #5607 \$127,500



**Fantastic location with updates galore!** Spotless 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath home with split stone fireplace. Attached 2-car garage, large fenced back yard with deck, sunroom and more! #5608 \$123,500



**40 feet on Houghton Lake Canal.** This 2 bedroom cabin has a 1 car garage for storing your toys. New updates on home include: siding, windows, paint, and carpet. Corner lot right across from a Marina. #5503 \$69,500



**Charming 1910 home** with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, full basement, full attic area and Tons of Character! Original hardwood floors, newer roof and windows. Two car garage attached by breezeway. Sits on 2 1/2 lots right in town. \$115,000 #5392



**Restaurant Entrepreneurs** start your own business with all the tools you need. Includes a Class C Liquor License with no boundaries in the State of Michigan. Seller is selling everything in this restaurant from the log walls to the kitchen sink! No real estate included. \$200,000 #5599

Nice area, sparsely populated 90-% wooded 1.25 acres. Very convenient to 1-75 and perfect for building that get away or full time home \$11,000 #5055

www.century21grayling.com

**989-348-5474**  
**877-763-1478**

5688 West M-72

Grayling, Michigan 49738

**Parcel B** located just off Stephan Bridge Road easy access to AuSable River area no highway traffic well wooded square parcel high and dry. \$12,500 #5572



Randy Thompson  
Broker / Owner



Connie Winans  
Associate Broker



Casey Thompson  
Sales Agent



Randall Hartley  
Sales Agent



Bill Borchers  
Sales Associate



Jerry Gosnell  
Associate Broker



Bob Pollack  
Associate Broker



Scott Hanson  
Sales Agent



Vicki Harrington  
Sales Agent



Curt Jansen  
Sales Associate



Pete Kocenas  
Sales Agent

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## House not what you were expecting?



**COMPLETELY REMODELED HOME** ON DEAD END STREET IN THE CITY OF GRAYLING. 864 s.f., 2 bedroom, 1 bath home. Updated roof, siding, windows, doors, electric, insulation, flooring, and kitchen. Large shady fence lot close to AuSable River, school, and shopping. CH-2143 \$71,900



**200' FRONTAGE ON AUSABLE WITH PRIVATE ISLAND PLUS 200' CANAL FRONTAGE INCLUDING 2 RIVERSIDE DOCKS.** Completely renovated 1,875 s.f. ranch home. 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, 69 den, custom lighting, hardwood and tile flooring. Master bedroom suite with walk-in closet, fireplace, bath, and door wall on to dock. 30x30 garage with overhead storage, stamped and colored concrete apron. 12x20 1 1/2 story shed, and sprinkling system. All on very private wooded setting. Turn Key for \$249,000 completely furnished, except few pieces of personal property. CH-2282 \$239,500



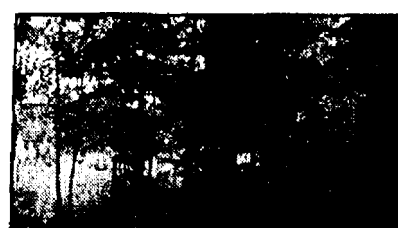
**3 B/R HOME WITH STUDIO/GUEST HOUSE.** Freshly remodeled and redecorated country home. 1,515 s.f., 3 B/R, sunken living room with gas fireplace. Dining room with brick fireplace. 24x28 garage with 575 s.f. finished studio guest house with kitchenette and bath. Landscaped yard with flower/herb gardens and pond. Energy efficient with natural gas heat. Gerrish-Higgins School District. CH-1876 \$99,500

It's easy to get lost on the trail to the perfect home. With want-ads sometimes promising more than you actually find, you can waste a lot of time getting nowhere.

Unless you've got  
**RE/MAX.**

Experienced RE/MAX agents do the hard work so you don't have to. They know the markets they work in, so they're likely to know the home that's just right for you.

It's a big world out there. Fortunately for you, we've got it covered.



**LOTS 18-21, BLOCK 4 OF 4TH ADDITION PORTAGE LAKE PARK.** Nice mixture of pines and hardwoods on flat terrain. Electricity and access road both on Eagle Point Road. Directions to Property: M-72 West to left on Eagle Point Road to right at RE/MAX sign on Beech Terrace. CS-2045 \$4,900



**LOOKING FOR A GOOD BUY?** This 3 bedroom, 1 bath home is located on a double lot (120 x 120). Hardwood floors. Large breezeway, large picture window in living room, open kitchen and dining area. Drywall has been freshly painted. New vinyl siding, 2 years old. New floors in kitchen and dining area. New furnace and hot water heater. Home has immediate occupancy and is turn-key. Come see the value! CS-2192 \$74,500



**10 ACRES OF BEAUTIFUL HARWOODS.** This rolling terrain is full of wildlife and is close to state land. Electricity is at road and the access road is blacktop. CS-2217 \$32,000



**"WIMPY'S" ICE CREAM BUSINESS** Ideal hobby or family business. Renovated building and now modern equipment. Blacktop drive and parking lot. Includes all fixtures, equipment, and inventory. Outdoor covered patio for dining with picnic table and benches. Take out available. Second floor storage with exterior stairs and 7' ceiling for cold storage. CH-2095 \$149,900



**50 FEET FROM RIVER'S EDGE WITH PRIVATE SETTING!** 165' on the east branch of the AuSable River. Cozy log sided cottage sits 50' from the river's edge with picturesque setting offering 2.5 acres. Tongue and groove wood interior. Cedar siding on the exterior, needs some finishing touches including floor covering. Cathedral ceiling in family room with 2 skylights. Brick fireplace. Kitchen offers new oak cabinets with Lazy Susan. New vinyl windows and 3 vinyl patio doors onto full length deck overlooking the river. Detached garage with extra slab for addition and vinyl shed. Cement patio with stone design into entrance of cottage. CS-2254 \$105,500



(989) 348-7440 You're #1 with us 800-731-4002

See us on the internet www.remax-grayling-mi.com

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## 2. For Rent

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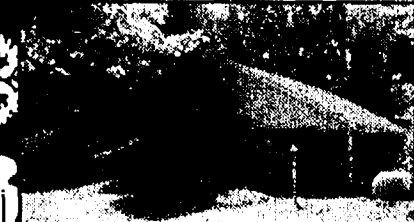
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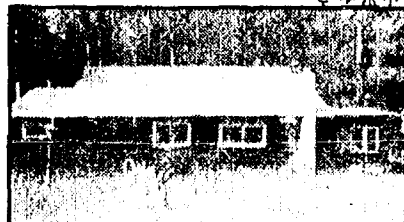
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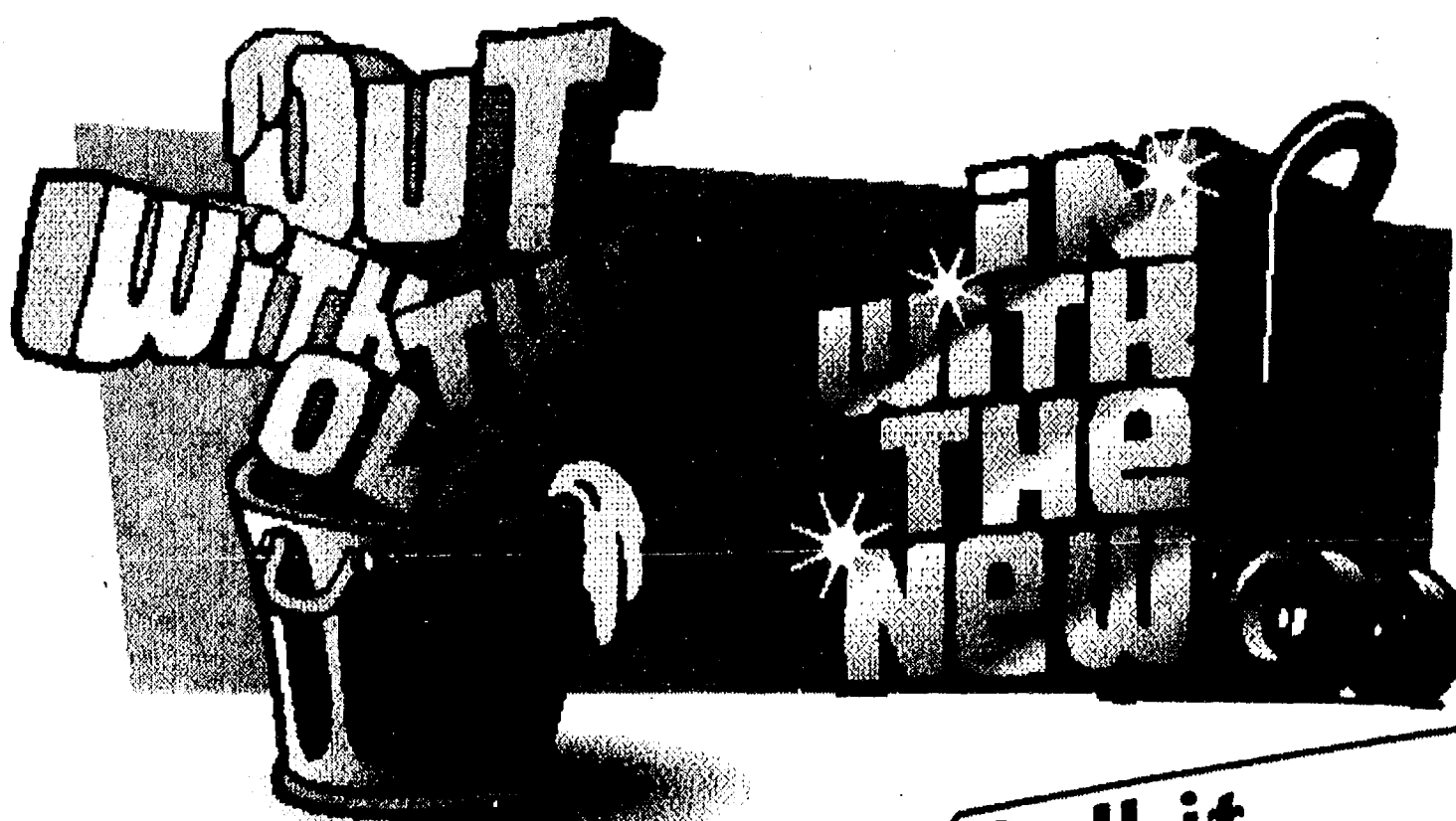
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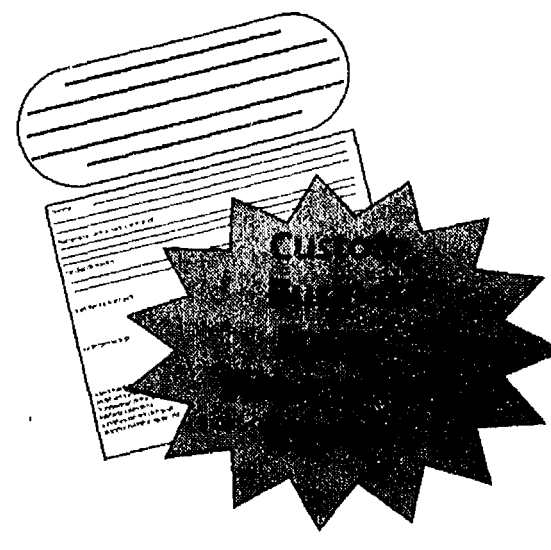
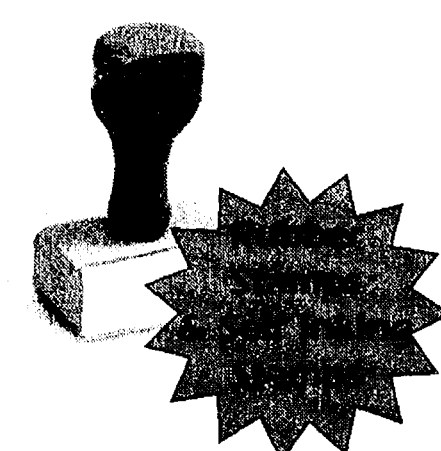
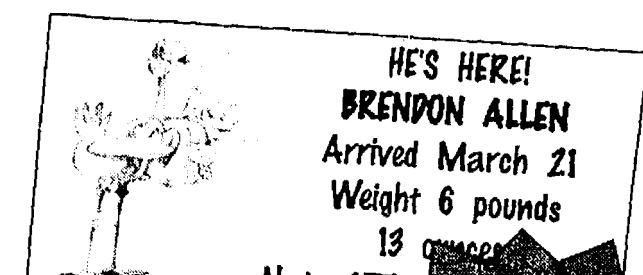
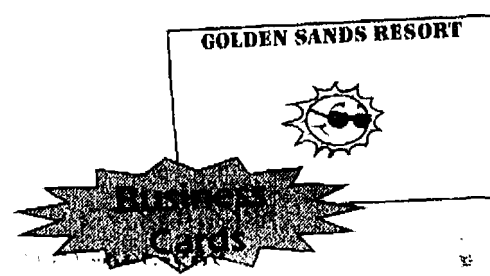
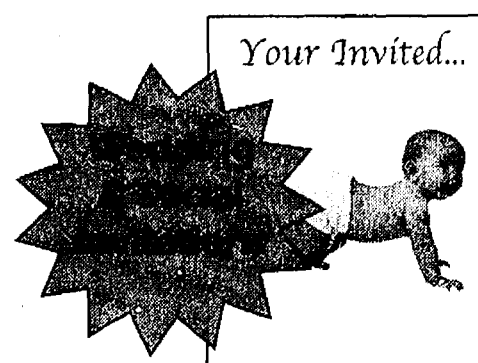
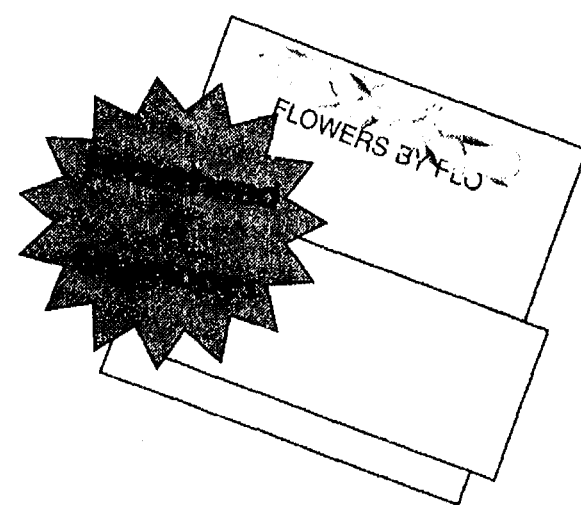
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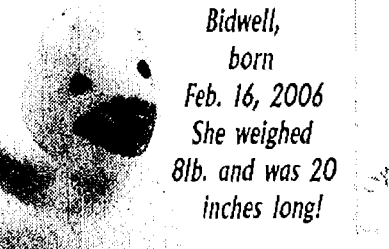
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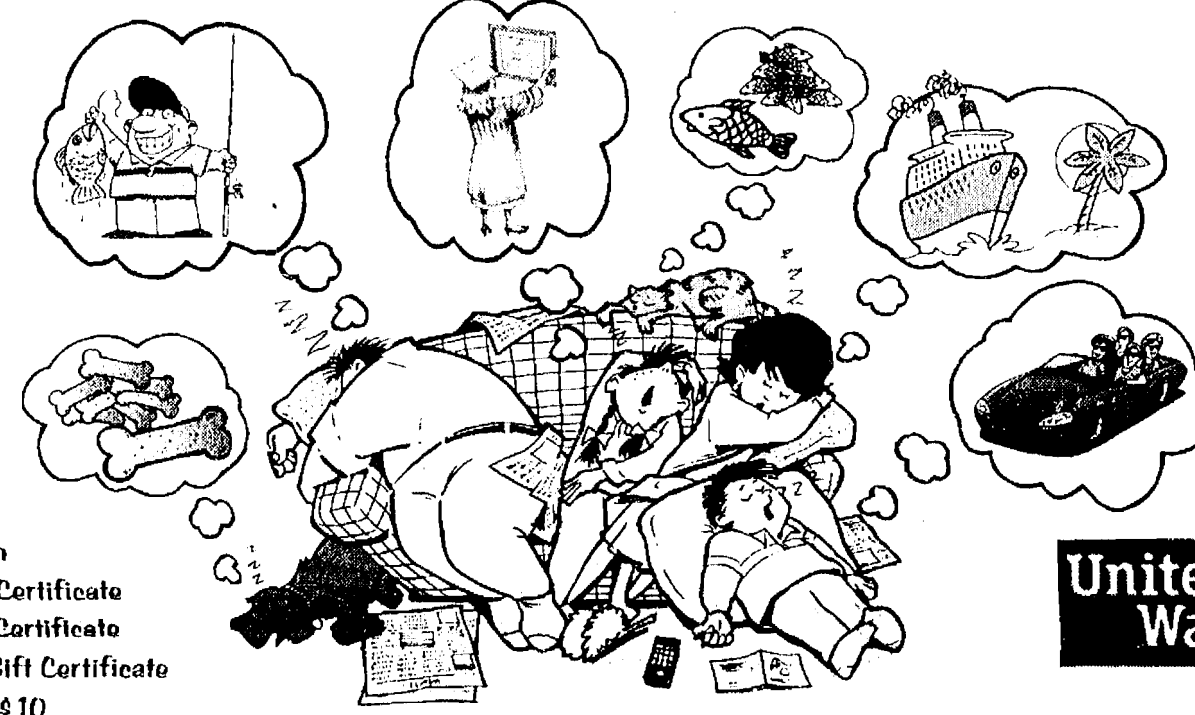
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9. Personals



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